

PS 39 Diversity and Inclusion Book of the Month: March

Theme: Women's History

Book Title: My Name Is Gabriela/Me llamo Gabriela
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Grade Level: K / 1st

Book Summary:

Gabriela Mistral loved words and sounds and stories. Born in Chile, she would grow to become the first Nobel Prize-winning Latina woman in the world. As a poet and a teacher, she inspired children across many countries to let their voices be heard. This beautifully crafted story, where words literally come to life, is told with the rhythm and melody of a poem. The second in Luna Rising's bilingual storybook biography series. My Name is Gabriela/Me llamo Gabriela is a beautiful tribute to a woman who taught us the power of words and the importance of following our dreams. The story of Gabriela Mistral will continue to inspire children everywhere.

Discussion Questions:

- The name Gabriela was given at birth was Lucila Godoy Alcayaga. However, Gabriela was the name she chose for herself. Why do you think Gabriela chose to change her name?
- Does your name have a special meaning? If you could change your name, would you? If yes, what would you change it to? Why?
- Gabriela was born in 1889. What do you think it would be like to be a child at this time? What word would you choose to describe Gabriela when she was little?
- How do you know "My Name is Gabriela" is a biography?
- Gabriela was an inspiration to many children across the world. What inspires you most in her story?
- When Gabriela traveled, what did she find out that people everywhere want for their children?
- The artwork in this story is beautifully crafted and tells a story as well. Looking at the images on each page, what else do you learn about Gabriela, her passions, her culture and the world she influenced?
- Gabriela was the first Nobel Prize-winning Latina woman. What did you know about this award before reading Gabriela's story and what does her winning this award tell you about her?
- How do you know that Gabriela liked reading and writing when she was young? If you were to tell a friend about Gabriela, what details might you share about her? Why is her story important?