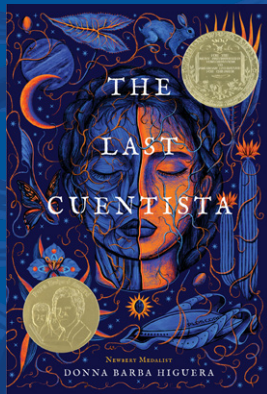


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Donna Barba Higuera

Newbery Award Winner
and CSUB Alumna

AUTHOR OF



**MONDAY,
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4 - 5 P.M.**

Dezember Reading Room,
Walter W. Stiern Library



Donna grew up in Central California surrounded by agricultural and oil fields. As a child, rather than dealing with the regular dust devils, she preferred spending recess squirreled away in the janitor's closet with a good book. Her favorite hobbies were calling dial-a-story over and over again, and sneaking into a restricted cemetery to weave her own spooky tales using the crumbling headstones as inspiration.

Donna's Middle Grade and Picture Books are about kids who find themselves in odd or scary situations. From language to cultural differences in being biracial life can become... complicated. So like Donna, characters tackle more than just the bizarre things that happen to them in their lives.

Donna's books include *Lupe Wong Won't Dance*, *El Cucuy is Scared, Too!*, and *The Last Cuentista*, and have won awards including: the Newbery medal, both Pura Belpré medal and honor, PNBA best book of the year award, and the Sid Fleischman award for best children's humor book of the year.

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