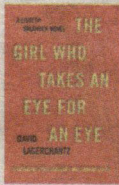


## BEST-SELLERS

## FICTION



1. "Legacy of Spies," by John le Carré. Viking.
2. "Little Fires Everywhere,"

by Celeste Ng. Penguin Press.

3. "A Column of Fire," by Ken Follett. Viking.
4. "Glass Houses," by Louise Penny. Minotaur.
5. "The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye," by David Lagercrantz. Knopf.
6. "The Cuban Affair," by Nelson DeMille. Simon & Schuster.
7. "A Gentleman in Moscow," by Amor Towles. Viking.
8. "The Golden House," by Salman Rushdie. Random House.
9. "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. Knopf.
10. "The Land of Stories: Worlds Collide" by Chris Colfer. Little, Brown.

## NONFICTION



1. "What Happened," by Hillary Rodham Clinton. Simon & Schuster.

2. "Unbelievable," by Katy Tur. Dey Street.
3. "Astrophysics for People in a Hurry," by Neil Degrasse Tyso. Norton.
4. "Braving the Wilderness," by Brene Brown. Random House.
5. "Make Your Bed," by William H. McRaven. Grand Central.
6. "Devotion," by Patti Smith. Yale University Press.
7. "The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F\*\*\*," by Mark Manson. HarperOne.
8. "Al Franken, Giant of the Senate," by Al Franken. Twelve.
9. "Hue 1968: A Turning Point of the American War in Vietnam," by Mark Bowden. Atlantic Monthly.
10. "Unstoppable," by Maria Sharapova. Sarah Crichton Books.

## BOOK OF THE WEEK REVIEW

# Running Wild

Authors use animal characters to teach kids important life lessons

BY DAVID STEINBERG  
FOR THE JOURNAL

Ollie is a young owl who'd rather hang out with his *vagabundo* friends Raven and Crow than go to school.

They steal Sister Squirrel's piñon nuts. They rip off a pack of cigarettes from the *mayordomo* of the *acequia*. Ollie confesses to his parents that he ditched school and didn't do his homework. What's more, he can't read. Gloria La Zorra (fox), Trickster Coyote and Luis Lobo take advantage of Ollie's illiteracy when he's en route to Nana's Wisdom School to start reading lessons. The moral: Reading is a critical tool in life.

Famous Chicano author Rudolfo Anaya, who turns 80 this month, and Albuquerque artist/illustrator El Moisés (Moisés Salcedo) make these riotously colorful characters larger than life in their instructive, fun bilingual children's book "Owl in a Straw Hat/El Tecolote del Sombrero de Paja."

Anaya and El Moisés praised each other's contributions. "I think his illustrations are going to make the book. People are going to buy a work of art," Anaya said in an interview.

El Moisés said Anaya's words made the illustrations happen. Anaya said he was inspired by "The Cat in the Hat" to write a children's book more culturally relevant. "Our kids need something closer to them, the *cultura*, a New Mexico setting. An owl came to me. I don't know why. I associated with owls from 'Bless Me, Última' where the owl protects the little boy."

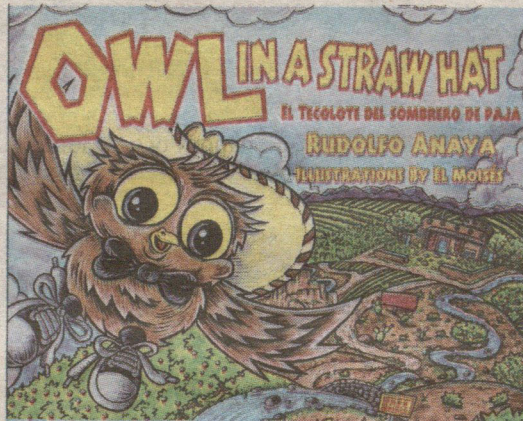
And owls traditionally symbolize wisdom. "Part of the lessons for the *chamacos* is that it takes time but you can learn to read and reading will help you make your future," Anaya said. "I am very concerned about championing and pushing literacy everywhere. We have so many video games that tie the kids down to images. Learning to read is freedom. It's entertainment and it's knowledge in the same package."

At the back of the book is a helpful two-page glossary of Spanish words with English translations.

Anaya has finished a sequel to "Owl in a Straw Hat." And he's working on a novel for young adults and adults titled "Chupacabra Meets Billy

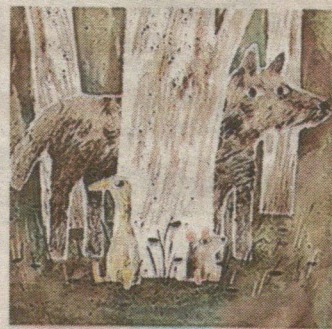


El Moises, illustrator of "Owl in a Straw Hat."



## THE WOLF THE DUCK & THE MOUSE

written by  
MAC BARNETT  
illustrated by  
JON KLASSEN



Mac Barnett



Jon Klassen

the Kid."

El Moisés' art was seen in the popular exhibit at the New Mexico History Museum "Lowriders, Hoppers and Hot Rods: Car Culture of Northern New Mexico." He will read from and sign copies of "Owl in a Straw Hat/El Tecolote del Sombrero de Paja" at 6 p.m. Oct. 17 at Bookworks, 4022 Rio Grande NW.

Author Mac Barnett and illustrator Jon Klassen will talk about their new children's book, "The Wolf, the Duck & the Mouse," at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 in Budagher Hall at the Bosque School, 4000 Bosque School NW.

The book is about a duck and a mouse who are swallowed, but not eaten, by a wolf and decide to make their home in the wolf's belly.

Klassen will give a drawing demonstration. He and Barnett will autograph copies of the book, which will be for sale. The event is part of the school's service learning project and art and literature exploration.

## NEW MEXICO BOOK NOTES

## Smokers and poets, your time has come

**A T BOOKWORKS:** Wil Gibson will sign "Quitting Smoking, Falling In and Out of Love, and Other Thoughts about Death" at 3 p.m. today.

Dos Gatos Press publisher and editor Scott Wiggerman and David Meischen will offer a free poetry workshop at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, using prompts from their "Wingbeats Anthology" of exercises from writers. The Bookworks Book Club will discuss "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Amber Cantorna will discuss "Refocusing My Family" at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12.

Jim Hinckley will sign "100 Things to Do On Route 66 Before You Die" at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13.

Jennet Conant will discuss "Man of the Hour: James B. Conant, Warrior Scientist" at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

Chris Jackson will sign "Albuquerque Beer" at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

Bookworks is at 4022 Rio Grande NW. Call 344-8139.

Friends for the Public Library will host its monthly used book, DVD and CD sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Main Library, 501 Copper NW. Admission is \$2, free after 1 p.m. and free for children. Proceeds benefit programs of the city-county libraries.

**AT TREASURE HOUSE BOOKS & GIFTS:** Sue Houser will sign her new children's book, "The Corn Whisperer," from 1 to 3 p.m. today.

The book is a trio of stories about the ancient healing ways of the Southwest. Centered on life at various pueblos, the book opens with young Charlie, who tells his single mom he is worried about staying with her father.

Joseph Badal will discuss and sign his sixth Danforth Saga thriller "Sins of the Fathers" from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

Treasure House Books & Gifts is at 2012 South Plaza NW in Old Town. Call 242-7204.

