## SAMANTHA R. VAMOS – CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR

**The Cazuela That The Farm Maiden Stirred** Rafael López, Illustrator/ Charlesbridge 978-1-58089-242-1/ (Ages 3 & up) "A spicy tribute to the classic nursery rhyme 'The House That Jack Built' and a bilingual celebration of community and food." Glossary and recipe included. (Hardcover, Paperback, CD)

- A Pura Belpré Illustrator Award Honor Book (2012)
- A Scholastic Reading Club Selection (Fall 2014)
- A Reading Is Fundamental 2013-2014 STEAM Multicultural Booklist Selection
- An ALSC 2014 Notable Children's Recordings Selection (Live Oak Media)
- An ALSC 2012 Notable Children's Books Selection, A CCBC Choices 2012 title
- The Best Children's Books of the Year, 2012 (5 to 9) (Bank Street College of Education)
- Kirkus Reviews, STARRED: "A wonderful read-aloud, filled with merriment and conviviality."
- School Library Journal, STARRED: "The artistry of this book makes it a must buy for all libraries."
- A Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2012 Selection (NCSS)
- A 2012 Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts Selection (NCTE)
- A NY Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing Selection (2011)
- 2013 Monarch Award (IL K-3 Readers' Choice Award)
- A TLA "2012 Texas 2x2 Reading List" Selection, A 2014 Grand Canyon Reader Award Nominee
- A 2012-13 Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Nominee, A Read On Wisconsin 2011-2012 Booklist Selection
- Booklist: "An excellent choice for interactive, multilingual read-alouds"
- A Fuse #8 Production "100 Magnificent Children's Books of 2011" Selection
- A Latin Baby Book Club "Favorite Books" (2011) Selection
- Twenty by Jenny: "Jenny's 2011 Picks"

## Before You Were Here, Mi Amor Santiago Cohen, Illustrator/ Viking

978-0-670-06301-7/(Ages 3 & up) All the things one family does to welcome a new child into the world.

- 2010 Washington State Book Award Winner
- "Best for Babies" Parents Magazine (May 2009)

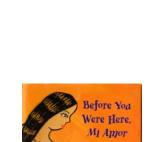
## **Alphabet Trucks** Rvan O'Rourke, Illustrator/ Charlesbridge

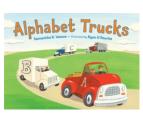
 $97\bar{8}$  -1-58089-428-9/(Ages 2-6) A rhyming, alphabet book about 26 different trucks from A to Z. (Hardcover) (Paperback: 2016)

- "Gear up, as this is bound to be a hit." (Kirkus Reviews)
- Finalist, 2014 Children's Choice Book Awards (K-2): Book of the Year
- IRA/CBC Children's Choices for 2014 Selection
- 2014 Baker's Dozen: The Best Children's Books for Family Literacy, Penn. Ctr. for the Book
- A Scholastic Reading Club Selection

All Aboard for: *Alphabet Trains* (August 18, 2015)

Set Sail for: *Alphabet Boats* (2017)







**AUTHOR PRESENTATION:** The purpose of my presentation is to inform, engage, and entertain so that children are inspired to read and write. My presentation is best suited for K-4 (a creative writing prompt may be utilized with older students) and includes a brief DVD about my life as an author; a PowerPoint writing presentation; a reading; discussion of artist Rafael López's technique in creating the 2012 Library of Congress National Book Festival poster, and Q&A. For activities/discussion ideas, please see: <a href="http://www.samanthavamos.com/contact-author.aspx">http://www.samanthavamos.com/contact-author.aspx</a>

**BIOGRAPHY:** I graduated from Georgetown University Law Center (L'89) and practiced law in Washington, DC and Chicago, IL before moving to Washington. For further information: <a href="http://www.samanthavamos.com/">http://www.samanthavamos.com/</a>

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