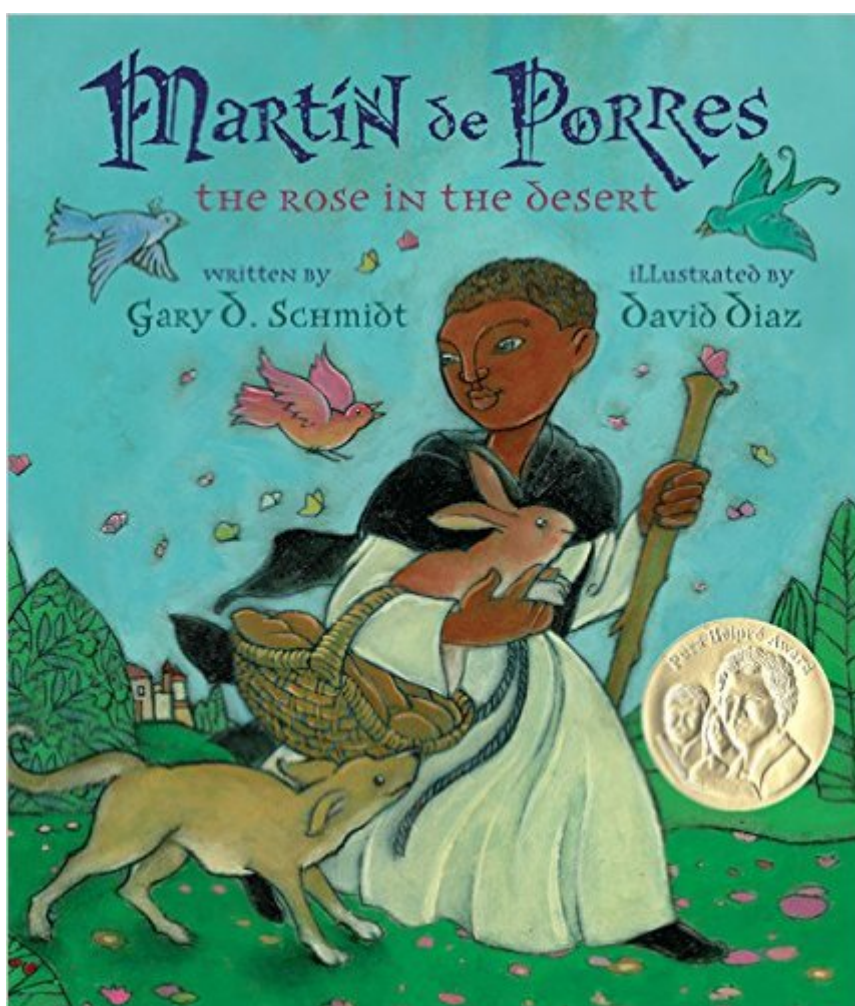


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Gary D. Schmidt is the bestselling author of *Okay For Now*, the Newbery Honor and Printz Honor book *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*, and the Newbery Honor book *The Wednesday Wars*.

He is a professor of English at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. David Diaz has illustrated numerous award-winning books for children, including *Smoky Night* by Eve Bunting, for which he was awarded the Caldecott Medal; *The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech, which received a Newbery Honor; and *Diego: Bigger Than Life* by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand, a Pura Belpré Honor Award winner. An illustrator and graphic designer for more than twenty-five years, he is also a painter and an accomplished ceramic artist. Mr. Diaz lives in Carlsbad, California.

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