

Duncan Tonatiuh (toh-nah-tee-YOU) is both an author and an illustrator. His books have received multiple accolades among them the Pura Belpré Award, the Sibert Medal and the Jane Addams Children's Book Award. Duncan is both Mexican and American. He grew up in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico and graduated from Parsons School of Design and Eugene Lang College in New York City. His artwork is inspired by pre-columbian art, particularly that of the Mixtec codices. His aim is to create images and stories that honor the past, but that are relevant to people, especially children, nowadays.

The title for my talk is Picture Books and Social Justice. I will speak about my journey to become a children's book author and illustrator. And of how through picture books I have been able to comment on challenging topics like immigration and segregation.