

Air Force Veteran Graciela Tiscareño-Sato-Captain Mama-Reveals 3rd Bilingual Children's Book for Hispanic Heritage Month

"Taking Flight with Captain Mama" follows author's two award-winning books, advances series skyward, and introduces young readers to STEM and aviation concepts

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, USA, September 6, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Independent educational publishing firm Gracefully Global Group announces the upcoming national release of the third installment of Graciela Tiscareño-Sato's groundbreaking children's book series, inspired by the author's daughter-of-Mexican-immigrants-turned-military-aviator story and her decade of aviation service.

"Taking Flight with Captain Mama / Despegando con Capitán Mamá" ISBN: 978-0-9973090-2-7 (hardcover), 978-0-9973090-9-6 (paperback), 979-8-9856862-0-3 (eBook) is now available for preorder in hardcover format, preceding its publication in early October. [Preorder at publisher's store here.](#)

In the series debut, "Good Night, Captain Mama," a young boy named Marco learns why his mother wears a military flight suit and why she serves. In the second book, "Captain Mama's Surprise," Marco leads his class field trip to tour the aerial refueling jet where his mother works and narrates the experience in the unique voice of a military-connected child.

Now, in the third book, Marco and his classmates take flight on the KC-135 refueling tanker. They



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see Captain Mama and crew in action refueling some of the coolest jets in the Air Force, and witness what happens during an emergency. This sophisticated 60-page title includes an original, bilingual origami jet project, bilingual glossaries and bilingual educational resources. Readers are introduced to rich aviation vocabulary while learning about aircraft systems and celebrating bilingualism.

"I can't wait for my students to experience Captain Mama's third story," said Ziwa Hampshire, Air Force veteran turned 4th grade teacher in Los Gatos, California. "Young and old alike are visually and mentally immersed as they live an inclusive story of service, curiosity and courage. Graciela's adventurous storytelling,

Linda's rich, engaging illustrations and Kiyoshi's origami design activity all meld together to lead you on a lasting journey, with ideas that extend far beyond the end of the book."

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...bilingual STEM story of aeronautics, beautiful illustrations, women leaders, multi-ethnic representation in students and aircrew. Enjoy this wonderful classroom field trip adventure in the sky!"

*Karla Orosco, science teacher
at Naval Air Station, Lemoore,
California*

This title will be most appropriate in 3rd to 6th grade classrooms for a variety of content lessons ranging from language arts to physical sciences. Like its predecessor "Captain Mama's Surprise," this title can also be used in middle school (career vocation/dual language programs) and high school (Spanish-language courses to expand student vocabulary.)

"Since the publication of the series debut, I've been eager to get this story into the sky," shared the author. "At last, Marco and his classmates will see with their own eyes, the spectacular aerial refueling mission I enjoyed while on active duty. Illustrator Linda Lens has created stunning, mixed-media art that will transport readers into the sky as

the tanker attaches to other airplanes to refuel and so much more! I'm especially excited for readers to fold their own paper stealth fighter jet with the original origami project, fully in Spanish and English, that my son Kiyoshi contributed to this book."

Taking Flight with Captain Mama/ Despegando con Capitán Mamá

by Graciela Tiscareño-Sato



"This book captures the details of an air refueling mission, bringing a creative and unique perspective for children to understand military aviation. Captain Mama shows a military flying career can be possible for anyone who dreams of the skies!"

Col. Chris Kulas, USAF (retired) and
KC-135 pilot

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Book review for "Taking Flight with Captain Mama" by
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"Illustrating this series has opened my eyes to the many pathways to service in uniform and the open-mindedness that military members can achieve by serving," said illustrator, Linda Lens. "I now see the peacekeeping roles, young people pursuing their dreams, and the many adventures where military service can take you. I want to inspire this and future generations with the good that our service members do every day for our country. I love contributing to the military mission in the unique way I can as an artist. I'm hoping this story helps young readers and their associated adults to see beyond any preexisting stereotypes about military service."

Ms. Tiscareño-Sato, a first-generation college graduate, served in the Air Force as a navigator and instructor on the KC-135R. She became the first Hispanic female aviator in the U.S. Air Force to earn an Air Medal for service during air combat operations (over Iraq.) Teaching children about aviation, the Air Force ROTC scholarship that made her university education at U.C. Berkeley possible, and showcasing technical careers available to college graduates, in her first language of Spanish and in English, has been the author's mission for over two decades. Graciela is a year-round, sought-after bilingual keynote speaker at teacher conferences, corporate ERG and Belonging events, universities, and community events hosted by veteran-serving organizations. [See full creator bios here.](#)

"Taking Flight with Captain Mama / Despegando con Capitán Mamá" will be available through bookstores, in paperback and hardcover formats, via wholesaler Ingram. The publisher is currently adding trade distribution partners that include Lectorum Publications, Military Family Books, Mackin, Baker & Taylor, Follett, Brodart, Midwest Library Service and others. Retail partners who've preordered the new book include The Museum of Flight in Seattle, the USS Hornet in Alameda, California and others.

Ms. Tiscareño-Sato's two prior award-winning bilingual titles, "Good Night, Captain Mama" and "Captain Mama's Surprise," are available via distributors above, Amazon, and via the publisher's online store.

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Using inspirational multicultural literature, the firm helps organizations with diversity and inclusion initiatives reaching out to veteran and Latino communities with a creative blend of literature, culturally-competent marketing, and public speaking offerings. Its mission is to "create literature that showcases the positive contributions of Latino Americans in the USA." Ms. Tiscareno-Sato is also available to facilitate professional development training for K-12 educators, for veteran-serving organizations, and for corporate executives in ERG and Employee Belonging groups. See the firm's uniquely inspirational innovations at: shop.gracefullyglobal.com.

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