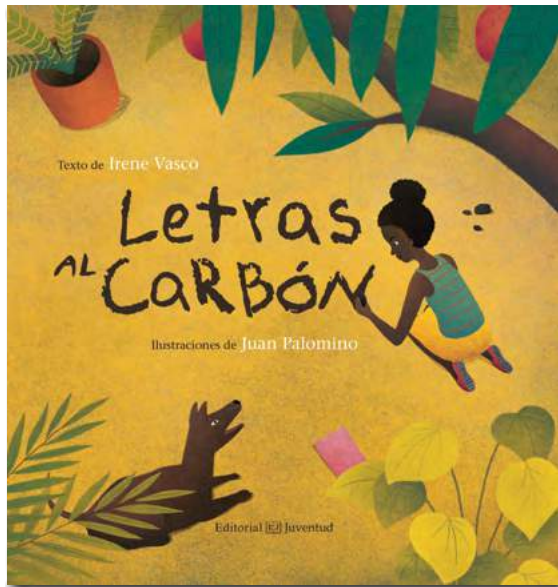


# Coal Words

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Age: 6+

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In the village of Palenque, the only one who can read is Mr. Velandia, because some years ago, there were no schools in the villages to study. Gina's sister really wants to learn to read and Mr. Velandia promises to teach her if she helps him with the store...

A heartwarming tale about literacy and education in a remote Colombian village



## Irene Vasco

Irene is a renowned Colombian author of almost thirty titles (such as *Paso a paso* and *Mambrú perdió la guerra*). She also travels long distances to visit communities where normally no one reaches, with just one intention: to bring the stories that she shares with her family to other children, and to break the silence with which conflicts are usually hidden from the young, revealing them through her writings.

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Antes, en el pueblo casi nadie sabía leer.  
Y mucho menos, escribir.

Juan Carlos Palomino won the 1st award of *Catálogo Iberoamericano de Ilustración* on 2013 and was the winner of the VII International Illustration Bologna Fair - Foundation SM Award on 2016.



Las cartas de Miguel Ángel se volvieron una obsesión para mí. Quería descifrar qué decían las letras para contárselo a Gina. Y así fue como decidí aprender a leer.