



## Celebrating César Chávez

This month Berkeley celebrates the life and times of César Chávez. Berkeley Public Library has books for all ages, a few of which are listed here.

Nonfiction call numbers refer to Berkeley Public Library's collections. Check the catalog for current availability and location information.

### Finding the facts: books about César Chávez's life

**American National Biography**, volume 4 (Oxford, 1999)

Thorough and concise, this is the first place to go to read a chronology and analysis of Chávez.

Ref 920.1 Am35n

**St. James Encyclopedia of Labor History Worldwide** (Gale, 2004)

Use the index to find information about Chávez's labor activities in context with other aspects of labor history. This resource offers several black and white photos of Chávez.

Ref 331.803 St 103

**César Chávez : Autobiography of La Causa** (Norton, 1975)

This is an oral history, written by Jacques Levy, based on many interviews with Chávez after he became recognized as a central labor and justice figure.

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**César Chávez: Mexican-American Labor Leader**

Video presentation of Cesar Chavez, his life and lifework.

VHS 920 C398

To find newspaper and magazine articles in Spanish, check the ¡Informe! database in Berkeley Public Library's Electronic Resources collection.

### Parallel stories: César Chávez's factual and fictional peers

**Voices from the Fields** (Little, Brown, 1993)

Beth Atkins interviewed and photographed the children of migrant farmworkers a generation after Chavez's work.

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**The Circuit** (University of New Mexico Press, 1997) and **Breaking Through** (Houghton Mifflin, 2001)

Francisco Jiménez based these collections of fictionalized vignettes on his own boyhood, growing up in exactly the circumstances Chávez sought to reform.

Fiction

**Testimonio: a Documentary History of the Mexican American Struggle for Civil Rights**  
(Arte Publico, 2000)

Among the many letters, court cases, and other documents collected here are those relevant to the development of the United Farm Workers.

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**Jesse** (Scholastic, 1994)

Gary Soto's novel offers a realistic story about farmworkers hoping to improve their own circumstances.

Fiction

**Walking Stars: Stories of Magic and Power**

Victor Villaseñor's autobiographical stories about growing up as the son of Mexican immigrants in California.

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**For younger readers**

**Harvesting Hope: The Story of César Chávez.**

Kathleen Krull's illustrated biography takes Chávez from the age of ten to age thirty-eight when he led peaceful protests against the miserable working conditions of California migrant workers.

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**Calling the doves/ El Canto de las Palomas.**

Juan Herrera author recalls his childhood growing up in a farmworker family.

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**Dolores Huerta**

Frank Perez describes the efforts of Dolores Huerta to organize migrant workers in California into the union that became the United Farm Workers.

920 H871p

**Esperanza Rising/ Esperanza Renace.**

Pam Muñoz Ryan's novel tells how Esperanza and her mother leave a life of wealth in Mexico to work in the labor camps of Southern California on the eve of the Great Depression. **Also in Spanish**

Fiction

**La Mariposa**

Francisco Jiménez recounts how a caterpillar helps the son of a migrant worker fit into his first grade class.

Fiction

**First Day in Grapes**

Chico is starting the third grade as his family begins to harvest California grapes in this story by L. King Pérez.

Fiction

**Radio Man / Don Radio: A Story in English and Spanish**

Traveling with his family of migrant farmworkers, Diego finds companionship in his radio and a connection to all the different places he's lived in this picture story by Arthur Dorros.

Picture Book