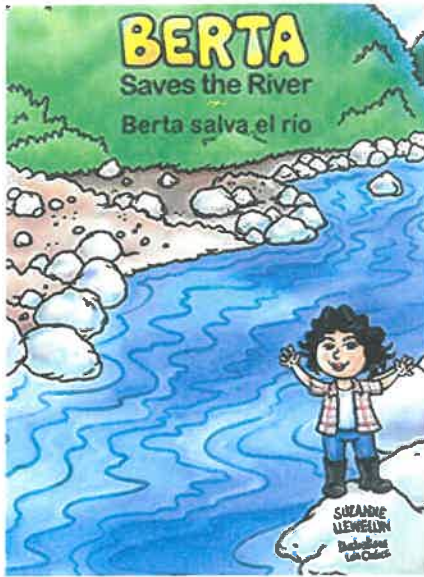


# Berta Saves the River / Berta salva el río

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This delightfully colorful book of expressive characters will engage children, parents, and teachers alike. It portrays real-life indigenous heroine, Berta Cáceres, in Honduras. Through the eyes of Ana, a young girl living in a beautiful, mountainous, and remote Lenca village, we see a drama of courage unfold. Against powerful odds, the villagers save their life-sustaining river from being dammed for the profit of others.

Ana adores Berta Cáceres, a beloved human rights and environmental activist, who gives her life for justice. This inspirational story of Berta gives hope to people across the globe who want to protect their lives from environmental disaster so they are not forced to migrate.

It explains why women with babies make the life-threatening journey north to the United States if their livelihoods are destroyed. This universal story of courage helps readers understand that they can participate in shaping their own futures.

From Justice Tales Press, this story inspires activism. It is a much-needed bi-lingual addition to children's literature featuring a Central American heroine.

Berta was a world-renowned human rights defender who understood the urgency of protecting Mother Earth to stop climate change.

The author is one of about 400 delegates who have traveled to Honduras with the San Francisco-based SHARE Foundation to learn about the root causes of migration from Honduras. She solicited permission from Honduran partners to publish a story about their heroine, including Berta's mother, who blessed the story. She sought their help with translation. She found a Honduran artist, journalist, and cartoonist who could reflect the artistic sensibilities of Honduran children. She wanted the book to belong to the Honduran people in every way, including benefiting from the proceeds.

In perpetuity proceeds will go to Honduran community groups struggling for their land, water, and resource rights against a corrupt government. The San Francisco-based SHARE Foundation, whose delegations to Honduras, inspired this story will transmit funds to community organizations in Honduras via its grassroots partnership network. Go to SHARE's website to learn how it supports the most vulnerable communities in Honduras: [www.SHARE-ElSalvador.org](http://www.SHARE-ElSalvador.org)

Just as you would share the story of Martin Luther King, you can introduce your children and grandchildren to Berta Cáceres' fight for justice and encourage friends to support Honduras in this way.

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- 10+ copies available at a discount via the Share Foundation: 1-510-848-8487 or [info@SHARE-elSalvador.org](mailto:info@SHARE-elSalvador.org).

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## From Berta's Goldman Prize acceptance speech

*In our worldview, we are beings who come from the earth, from the water and from the corn. The Lenca people are ancestral guardians of the rivers, in turn protected by the spirits of young girls, who teach us that giving our lives in various ways for the protection of the rivers is giving our lives for the well-being of humanity and of this planet.*