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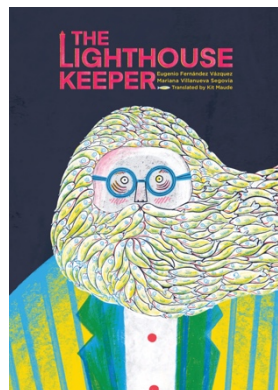
TAPIOCA STORIES RETURNS TO ALA WITH ITS FIRST ORIGINAL TITLE AND A VIBRANT SELECTION OF LATIN AMERICAN STORIES

2025 American Library Association Annual Conference
June 26-30, Philadelphia, PA

Indie Press Pavilion, Booth 1251-K

[Tapioca Stories](#), a New York-based independent children's book publisher with a Latin American soul, returns to the ALA Annual Conference in 2025 with an exciting editorial milestone: the launch of its first fully original picture book, [The Lighthouse Keeper](#).

Written by **Eugenio Fernández Vázquez** and illustrated by **Mariana Villanueva Segovia**, both from Mexico, and originally written in Spanish, *The Lighthouse Keeper* is a lyrical tale of selflessness, resilience, and unexpected friendship in the middle of the sea. Translated into English by **Kit Maude**, the book will be published on **September 9, 2025**.



The release follows the success of [Marcelo, Marmelo, Marshmallow](#), the beloved Brazilian classic by **Ruth Rocha**, which was reimaged with vibrant new illustrations by **Ana Matsusaki** and translation by **Tal Goldfajn**. The book received glowing praise from outlets like *The New York Times* and *Kirkus Reviews*, celebrating its playful take on language and identity.

In addition to these standout titles, Tapioca's Fall 2025 lineup features:

- [No One Slept](#) by **Rafael Sica** (Brazil), translated by **Bruna Dantas Lobato**, a hauntingly tender bedtime story for ghosts and restless readers, coming September 30.
- [Croco](#) by **Azul López** (Mexico), translated by **Kit Maude**, a charming tale about resilience and the importance of helping others, releasing October 28.





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Tapioca Stories invites conference attendees to visit at **Booth 1251-K** in the Indie Press Pavilion to explore our complete catalog — a thoughtfully curated collection of picture books originally written in Spanish and Portuguese by some of Latin America's most celebrated voices. These stories offer young readers windows into other cultures and perspectives, encouraging them to grow into more empathetic, perceptive, and thoughtful adults.

About the Publisher

Tapioca Stories, a New York-based publishing house with Latin American soul, introduces young English readers to the finest Latin American children's books, originally written in Spanish and Portuguese.

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