The Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center

Presents

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Free and open to the public

Art by Debora Kuetzpal Vasquez
Written by author Bárbara Renaud González
Art by Deborah Kuetzpal Velasquez
Original design, music, art, narrative, pop-ups
and sound effects
Independently published by Alazan Arts, Letters & Stories
(AALAS)

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Join us on Friday, May 9 for a presentation by author Bárbara Renaud González, and the collaborative team who created this book.

The boy made of lightning is a children’s story of how one boy changed the world because he listened to his calling.

This book breaks literary ground in its marriage of technology and the telling of a civil rights story that is sorely needed in classrooms across the country. It includes an original narrative based on a story told to the author by Willie’s late mother, with original art, original music, pop-ups and sound.

Written in the bilingual voice of Texas, with “touch-translations,” the book is targeted to children, 3rd grade – up, but high school students and adults will enjoy the story. Your feedback will be welcomed.

Reception: 6:30 pm Black Box Theatre