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AUTHOR • EMPOWERMENTEUR • ADVOCATE

AT A GLANCE

- Award-Winning & Best Selling Author
- Influential Speaker & Mentor
- Passionate BIPOC & Women's Rights Advocate
- Innovative Thought Leader & Community Builder
- Visionary Empowermenteur





ABOUT LIZETTE

Lizette Epps, an award-winning author and luminous force in community advocacy and BIPOC empowerment, channels her trailblazing spirit into her inaugural debut book. Known for her captivating storytelling and inspirational narratives, Lizette blends personal experiences with universal themes of resilience and triumph. With a robust background in advocating for marginalized communities, she fosters tangible improvements through using empathetic leadership and strategic finesse. Her passion for women's rights and BIPOC advancement challengessocietal norms and amplifies marginalized voices. As an innovative thought leader and empowermenteur, she creates initiatives that uplift individuals, particularly women and minorities. Lizette's influential speaking and mentorship inspire countless individuals to pursue their dreams, bolstering her role as a literary voice poised to drive meaningful conversations and shape a world where every voice finds its rightful place.



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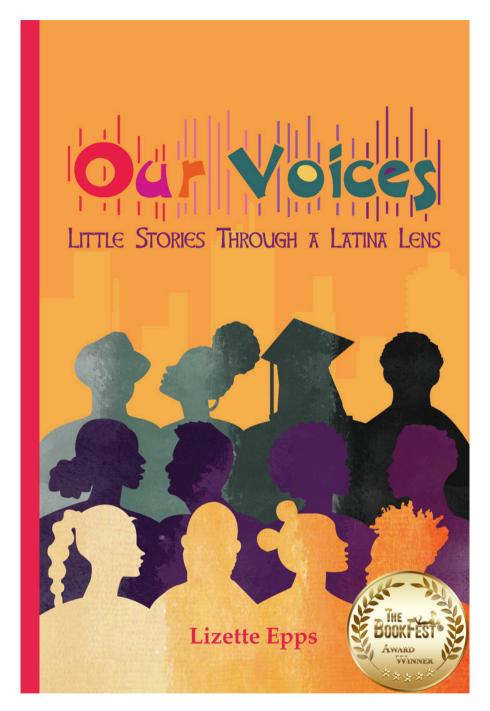
Lizette Epps, an award-winning author and luminous force in community advocacy and BIPOC empowerment, channels her trailblazing spirit into her highly anticipated debut book, "Our Voices: Little Stories Through a Latina Lens." Born and raised in the heart of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Lizette's roots run deep in this diverse and culturally rich community, shaping her worldview and inspiring her storytelling. Her childhood was a tapestry woven with the threads of her own Puerto Rican heritage and the myriad of other Latin and Hispanic influences that coexist harmoniously in her hometown. This unique blend of experiences ignited her passion for storytelling, as she was drawn to the rich tapestry of narratives that surrounded her daily life.

Her writing style is characterized by its sensitivity, empathy, and profound understanding of the human condition. She has a unique ability to craft intimate and thought-provoking stories that resonate with readers from all walks of life. "Our Voices" is not just a book; it is a celebration of the multifaceted identities of Latinos and Hispanics, shedding light on the intersections of culture, heritage, and personal growth. Her inaugural book, "Our Voices: Little Stories Through a Latina Lens," has garnered significant acclaim, winning the 2024 Spring BookFest Awards, taking the #1 spot in Nonfiction Book in Society & Social Sciences on Race, Class, Culture & Religion. Additionally, it has achieved bestseller status on Amazon's Afro-Latino Category since its January release.

A distinguished community advocate, Epps bridges diverse perspectives with empathetic leadership and strategic finesse, fostering tangible improvements in people's lives. Her passion for BIPOC advancement shines through her work, challenging societal norms and amplifying marginalized voices. Drawing from firsthand experiences, her narrative chronicles struggle, resilience, and the enduring power of unity. Lizette is not only an inspirational author and storyteller but also a passionate advocate for women's rights and an innovative empowermenteur. She actively leads initiatives promoting gender equality, equity, and supporting women in marginalized communities.

As a public speaker and mentor, she inspires individuals to pursue their dreams and overcome obstacles. Combining her entrepreneurial spirit with her commitment to empowerment, Lizette adopted the term "empowermenteur" to reflect her dedication to creating businesses and initiatives that uplift individuals, particularly women and minorities. As a thought leader, she drives meaningful conversations about social justice, mental health, and economic empowerment, fostering networks of support and collaboration. Her status as a distinguished community advocate bolsters her role as a literary voice poised to drive conversations that matter, shaping a world where every voice finds its rightful place. Her debut book and advocacy work highlight her as a promising new author with boundless potential.

BOOK DETAILS



Title: Our Voices: Little Stories through a Latina's Lens

Author: Lizette Epps

Genre: Interpersonal Relations, Latino, Social Sciences, Young Adult Non-Fiction, Travel Writing

Publication Date: January 13, 2024

Publisher: Breadth of Hope LLC UNITED STATES

ISBN: <u>979-8-9891891-0-6</u> Price: \$15.99 for Paperback

Available: Through Amazon and Barnes & Noble



OUR VOICES

Our Voices: Little Stories Through a Latina Lens is a captivating collection of short stories that offers readers a poignant and diverse glimpse into the lives of Latin and Hispanic people across the United States. Authored by a Latina who is deeply rooted in her culture, this anthology weaves together a rich tapestry of narratives, each exploring the unique experiences, challenges, triumphs, and resilience of individuals from different backgrounds and generations. From tales of family bonds and cultural nuances to stories of self-discovery and empowerment, "Our Voices" celebrates the multifaceted identities of Latinos and Hispanics while shedding light on the intersections of culture, heritage, and personal growth. Through the lens of these intimate and thought-provoking stories, readers embark on a literary journey that delves into the complexities of love, identity, and the enduring strength that arises from embracing one's roots. This collection is a powerful testament to the voices that often remain unheard but are, nonetheless, essential to the fabric of our society. "Our Voices" offers a compelling and authentic portrayal of the experiences faced, making it an inspiring and eye-opening read for all who seek a deeper understanding of the diverse perspectives within the Latino community.



TESTIMONIALS

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- Winifred Gutierrez, Mechanical Editor & Book Reviewer

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



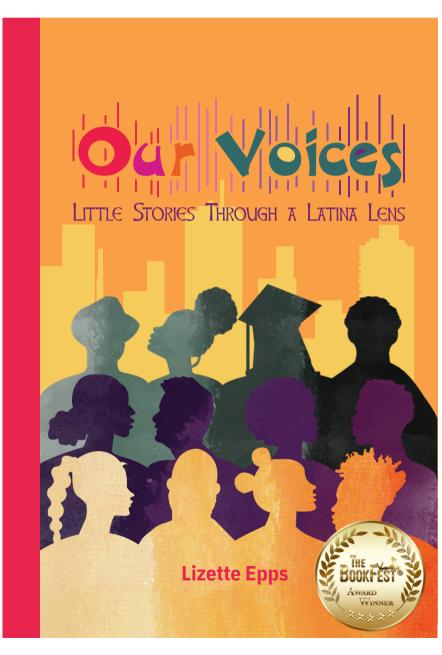
Lizette Epps is an award-winning author, businesswoman, public speaker, social justice, and community advocate. She speaks on overcoming adversity, economic independence, giving back, and her personal story of trials to triumph. She was born and raised in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, where she honed a passion for reading and writing at an early age. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling any road that leads to the beach, and helping others find a path to what

they love. She resides in Reading, Pennsylvania, with her beloved family and fur babies.

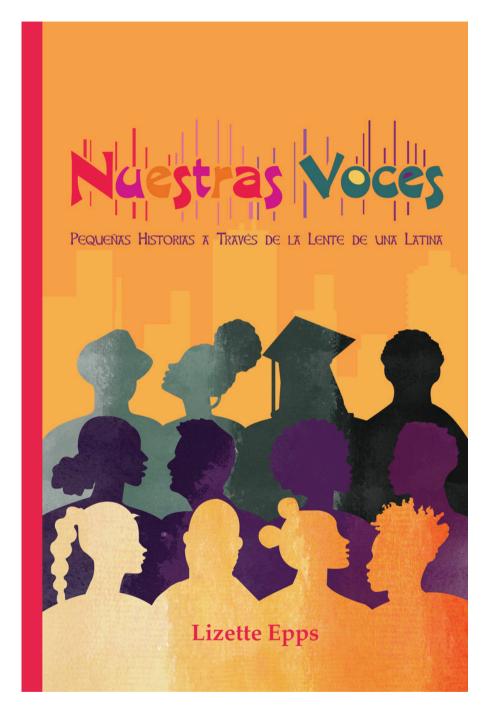








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Author: Lizette Epps

Genre: Interpersonal Relations, Latino, Social Sciences, Young Adult Non-Fiction, Travel Writing

Publication Date: January 13, 2024

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NUESTRAS VOCES

Nuestras Voces: Pequeñas Historias A Través De La Lente De Una Latina es una cautivadora colección de relatos cortos que ofrece a los lectores un vistazo conmovedor y diverso a las vidas de personas latinas e hispanas en los Estados Unidos. Escrito por una latina profundamente arraigada en su cultura, esta antología teje un rico tapiz de narrativas, cada una explorando las experiencias únicas, los desafíos, los triunfos y la resiliencia de individuos de diferentes orígenes y generaciones. Desde relatos sobre vínculos familiares y matices culturales hasta historias de autodescubrimiento y empoderamiento, "Nuestras Voces" celebra las identidades multifacéticas de los latinos e hispanos, al mismo tiempo que arroja luz sobre las intersecciones de cultura, herencia y crecimiento personal. A través de la lente de estas historias íntimas y reflexivas, los lectores emprenden un viaje literario que profundiza en las complejidades del amor, la identidad y la fuerza perdurable que surge al abrazar las raíces propias. Esta colección es un poderoso testimonio de las voces que a menudo quedan sin escuchar pero que, no obstante, son esenciales para el tejido de nuestra sociedad. "Nuestras Voces" ofrece una representación convincente y auténtica de las experiencias vividas, convirtiéndose en una lectura inspiradora y reveladora para todos aquellos que buscan una comprensión más profunda de las perspectivas diversas dentro de la comunidad latina.



TESTIMONIOS

"Voces ejemplifica las vidas diarias de los latinos, pasadas y presentes, sus luchas y éxitos. Las historias están bien escritas y realizadas profesionalmente. El libro ofrece una perspectiva clara y precisa de los latinos en los Estados Unidos."

- Norma Tamayo, autora galardonada de "Una Niña Llamada Nina"

"Nuestras Voces recopila historias cautivadoras que abarcan la rica diversidad de la cultura latina, arrojando luz sobre experiencias diversas. La narración proporciona una visión cultural de primera mano que, como latina, resonó profundamente conmigo. La profundidad y emoción de la cultura hispana cobran vida en este libro. Es lectura obligada para cualquier persona que busque expandir sus horizontes."

-Winifred Guitierrez, Editora Mecánica y Reseñadora de Libros

SOBRE LA AUTORA

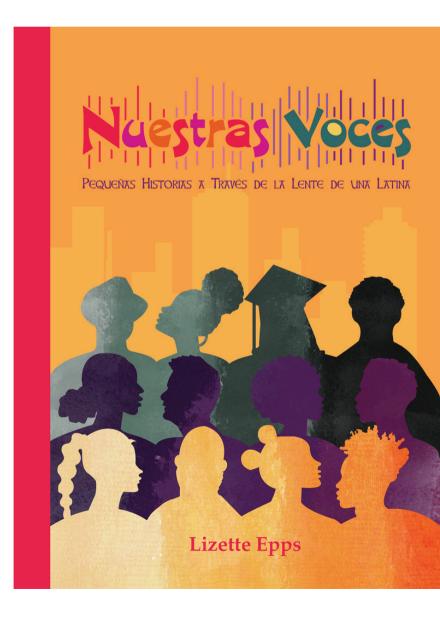


Lizette Epps es una empresaria galardonada, oradora pública, defensora comunitaria y de la justicia social. Habla sobre superar las adversidades, la independencia económica, devolver a la sociedad lo que nos ha dado y su historia personal de dificultades y triunfos. Nació y se crio en Perth Amboy, Nueva Jersey, donde pulió su pasión por la lectura y la escritura desde una temprana edad. Disfruta de pasar tiempo libre con su familia, viajar por cualquier ruta que lleve a la playa y

ayudar a otros a encontrar el camino hacia lo que aman. Actualmente, vive en Reading, Pensilvania, con su amada familia y sus bebés peludos.







ACHIEVEMENTS & ACCOLADES

Literary Awards & Acknowledgements



2024 Amazon.com Best Selling Book

Top 5 best selling paperback book since it's release in January of 2024.

2024 Spring BookFest Award Winner

First place winner for Nonfiction Book in Society & Social Sciences on Race, Class, Culture & Religion

Individual Awards & Honors

- Pennsylvania State House of Representatives Citation for Women's History Month
- 2024 Lehigh Valley Business Woman of Influence Honoree
- The Forge Community Service Award
- Philadelphia Business Journal Woman of Influence Honoree
- Racial Justice Award Recipient
- Coretta Scott King Award Recipient





PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Latina Author, Lizette Epps, Evokes Cultural Understanding Through Collection of Poignant, Real-Life Stories

Reading, PA, April 10, 2024 — Though the Hispanic/Latino population is the nation's largest racial or ethnic minority, this demographic remains significantly underrepresented in nearly every area of society. As a response, Lizette Epps, a longstanding community leader and advocate, has authored a book dedicated to sharing the compelling stories of the Hispanic/Latino community that celebrate diversity, resilience, and the universal threads that bind us all.

The newly released book, "Our Voices: Little Stories through a Latina Lens," creates a tapestry of compelling narratives that exemplify the daily lives of Latinos, past and present, struggles and successes. What began as Epp's personal passion for collecting unique stories, transformed into a vibrant anthropology of a book that launched on Amazon and Barnes and Noble in January. Epps's unique perspective as a Latina author infuses each tale with authenticity and insight, creating a work that resonates across cultures and backgrounds.

"My inspiration for this book was to offer a glimpse into the lives of Latinos and Hispanics grappling with challenges, embracing triumphs, and discovering the beauty of their individual identities.," says Epps. "I wanted to capture the emotions and experiences of these characters, drawing readers into a world where the ordinary becomes extraordinary, and where every story is a testament to the power of the human spirit."

Epps's own background enriches the stories, as she seamlessly weaves her cultural heritage into the fabric of the narratives. From heartfelt family moments to tales of self-discovery and empowerment, "Our Voices" paints a vivid picture of life's complexities and joys through the lens of a Latina storyteller.

A resident of Reading, Pennsylvania, Epps is a highly accomplished, award-winning business professional and community advocate. She is deeply committed to social causes, particularly as they impact the Latino and Hispanic communities. Her 28 years of business expertise and dedication to historically underserved communities have made a significant impact on the lives of individuals and communities, as she continues to drive positive change across the region.

"Creating this book was a major undertaking and emotional journey, but I felt called to bring these stories to life on a platform that could elevate and educate society on diversity and unity," adds Epps. "This is about so much more than a book; it's a bridge that spans cultures, generations, and experiences."

The book is available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble in both English and Spanish. Epps has combined the power of the message within her book with professional speaking engagements that aim to address diversity, equity, and inclusion in corporate and nonprofit settings. She has collaborated with various organizations, including a Fortune 500 energy company, to share her message on the value of diversity and community with teams of all sizes and backgrounds. To learn more, please visit www.breadthofhope.com/ourvoices.

APPEARANCES & ENGAGEMENTS



Reading DoubleTree Hotel Book Launch

- WFMZ-TV Saturday Sunrise
- Pennsylvania Latina Women's Conference
- Our Voices, Our Stories Workshop

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PRAISE & MEDIA FOR OUR VOICES

Praises for "Our Voices"

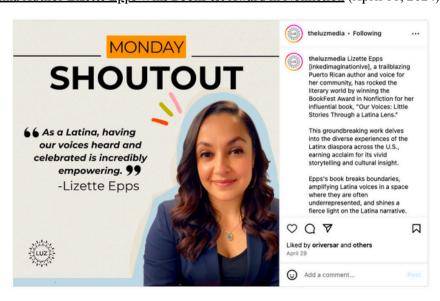
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In The News

- BCTV: Community Leader, Lizette Epps, Authors Book to Give a Voice to Hispanics and Latinos (February 12, 2024)
- Reading Eagle: Books (February 18, 2024)
- WFMZ 69News at Sunrise: Sunrise Guest: Author Lizette Epps (March 23, 2024)
- Berks Weekly: <u>Lizette Epps wins prestigious BookFest Award for 'Our Voices: Little Stories Through a Latina</u>
 <u>Lens (April 10, 2024)</u>
- BCTV: Lizette Epps' Debut Book Wins Prestigious BookFest Award (April 11, 2024)
- HipLATINA: Latina Author Lizette Epps Wins BookFest Award in Nonfiction (April 11, 2024)



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