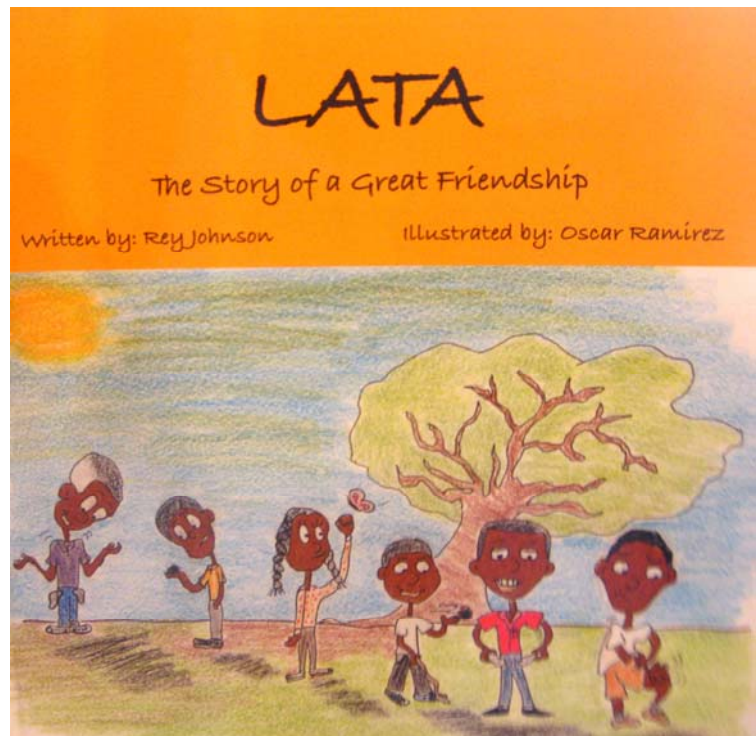




Reymundo "Rey" Johnson Author of "LATA" Children Story Book

Reymundo "Rey" Johnson is an educator, traveler, community activist, lecturer, veteran, writer and entrepreneur. He was born of West-Indian parents and was raised in the town of Paraíso on the former Canal Zone in the Republic of Panama. He is an alumnus of Paraíso High School Class of 1976. The youngest of four brothers and sisters, Rey attended Muhammad Ibn Saud University in Saudi Arabia to study Arabic and Islamic Studies from 1984 to 1986, and served in the U.S. Navy Medical/Hospital Corps for ten years from 1986 to 1996. Since 1995 he has worked as an Instructor, Program Director, and now Dean of Education for various private and postsecondary colleges in California.

We are proud to announce that Rey is the author of "LATA", a new children's book. It is the first in a series of short story books about how children grew up on the former Canal Zone in the Republic of Panama. The Canal Zone was the region that immediately surrounded the banks of the Panama Canal which was under the jurisdiction of the United States Government when he was a child. Many families were displaced after the ratification and subsequent transfer of ownership of the Panama Canal from the United States to the government of Panama. Since then, the children and grandchildren of the displaced residents know very little about their parents and grandparents culture, upbringing, and roots from the former Canal Zone.





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Rey always felt that those who grew up, for example, in the towns of Paraíso, PedroMiguel, Gamboa, and Rainbow City on the former Canal Zone have until today, the most extraordinary friendship, upbringing and a unique heritage as well; the likes of which he has been unable to find anywhere else in his travels. In his quest and humble attempt to document the lifestyle of those who once lived in the communities of the former Canal Zone, he was inspired to write "LATA" and other short stories to teach children around the world about the great childhood that he and others had. His entire collection is centered on an activity he and his friends enjoyed, while bringing to light the life and close friendship of each character in a fun and funny way.

LATA is indeed unique, captivating, fun, and foremost EDUCATIONAL. PanCanal Alumni Association is very proud of Rey's work, talents, love for his people, and his passion to document the former Canal Zone black history through a short story.

CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done and we are looking forward to the rest of his collection. We encourage everyone to get a copy of LATA for their children, grandchildren, classmates, co-workers, neighbors and friends. LATA is a great short story that the entire family will truly enjoy! To get your copy of "LATA" visit www.lulu.com or www.amazon.com



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