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It's the beginning of sophomore year, and Piedad "Piddy" Sanchez is having a hard time adjusting to her new high school. Things don't get any easier when Piddy learns that Yaqui Delgado hates her and wants to kick her ass. Piddy doesn't even know who Yaqui is, never mind what she's done to piss her off. Rumor has it that Yaqui thinks Piddy is stuck-up, shakes her stuff when she walks, and isn't Latina enough with her white skin, good grades, and no accent. And the message is that Yaqui isn't kidding around, so Piddy better watch her back. At first, Piddy is more concerned with finding out details about the father she's never met, navigating her rocky relationship with her mom, and staying in touch with her best friend, Mitzi. But when the harassment at school escalates, avoiding Yaqui and her gang takes over Piddy's life and threatens her safety. Is there any way for Piddy to survive without closing herself off from those who care about her the most—or running away?

More relevant than ever a decade after its initial publication, Meg Medina's empowering story, adapted as a graphic novel by Mel Valentine Vargas, is poised to be discovered by a new generation of readers.

MEG MEDINA, the 2023–2024 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, is a Cuban American author who writes for readers of all ages. Her middle-grade novel *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* received a Newbery Medal, among many other distinctions. Meg Medina received a Pura Belpré Author Award for her young adult novel *Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass*. She lives with her family in Richmond, Virginia.

MEL VALENTINE VARGAS is a queer Cuban American graphic novelist based in Chicago. They hope to draw the kind of illustrations that their younger self, and others like them, could have seen to feel less alone. Mel Valentine Vargas loves singing in Spanish, playing farming video games, and eating lots of gozo with their friends.



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