**Tomas Rivera** by Jane Medina

Tomas Rivera was born Texas. Tomas and his **family** went from farm to farm picking crops.

Tomas helped pick crops all day. It was hard **work**.

At night he had fun with his Grandpa. “Come quick, children!” Grandpa called.

“It’s time for stories!” “You tell the best stories!” Tomas said

“I want to tell good stories too.” “We can get lots of stories for you, Tomas,” said Grandpa.

“When?” asked Tomas. “Let’s go now!” Grandpa said with a wink.

“Quick, hop in!” “This is a library” said Grandpa.

“Look at all the **books**!” gasped Tomas as he clapped his hands. “**Read** all you can, Tomas. It will help you think of lots of stories,” said Grandpa.

Tomas **read** lots of lots of **books**. He **read** **about** bugs, stars, and cars.

Tomas started thinking of stories. Tomas started telling his stories.

Then he started **writing** them. When he **grew** up, Tomas got a job as a teacher.

He still kept **writing** stories. Tomas Rivera’s stories tell **about** people picking crops, just as his **family** did. Lots of people **read** his **books**.

Now his name is on a big library. Many people visit the library.

They get **books**, just as Tomas did.

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