*Martina the Beautiful Cockroach*, re-tells an old Cuban folktale. The book was simultaneously released in English, Spanish, and bilingual audio versions in 2008 and has garnered many awards, most notably the prestigious Pura Belpré Honor, an international Latino award for best children's picture book, and the Odyssey Award honor book. She adapted one of her most beloved books, *The Library Dragon*, for the stage and that theatrical production has been performed in English and Spanish for school and family audiences in metro Atlanta.

Another notable book is *The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark*, which recounts the legend of the Danish people and their king’s bravery during World War II.  The author was recognized for her work on The Yellow Star with more than two dozen awards including the Christopher Award, Bologna Ragazzi Award, and the International Reading Association Notable Book for A Global Society. In addition to numerous other books, she has also released an audio collection of her stories, Growing Up Cuban in Decatur, Georgia, which was named a Parents’ Choice Gold Award Winner and named Best Audiobook -- Storytelling by Publishers Weekly.

Carmen continues to share her stories with children and adults at festivals, schools, conferences, theaters and museums across the nation and around the world. She has presented her stories on National Public Radio’s “Weekend All Things Considered ” and performed at Beyond the Border International Storytelling Festival at Donat’s Castle in Wales; the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC; the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.; the Disney Institute in Orlando, Fla.; the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tenn.; the New Victory Theater on Broadway; and at the 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2007 National Book Festivals in Washington, D.C.