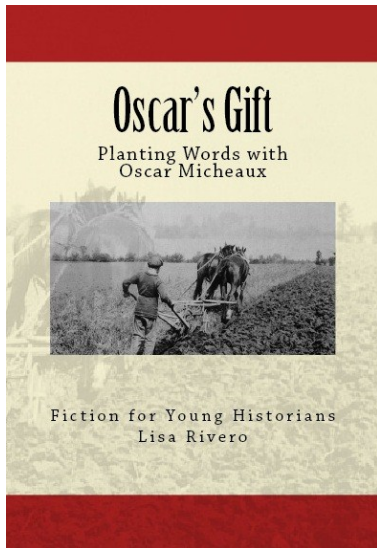


# Oscar's Gift

## Planting Words with Oscar Micheaux

By Lisa Rivero

### New Series: Fiction for Young Historians



## About the Author

Lisa Rivero grew up on the same South Dakota reservation where Oscar Micheaux homesteaded. She is the author of four previously published books, including a work of non-fiction for young adults, *Smart Teens' Guide to Living with Intensity*, a 2010 National Indie Excellence Award finalist and named by the Arizona Book Publishing Association as a double 2011 Glyph Award Winner for Best Juvenile/Young Adult-Nonfiction and Best Psychology/Self-Help Book.

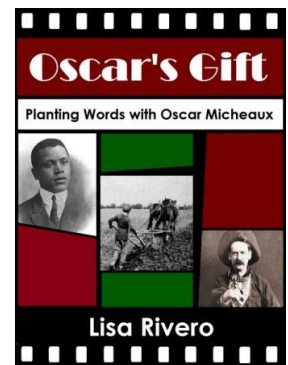
*Oscar's Gift* is a new work of fiction that introduces young readers ages 8-12 to the historical figure of Oscar Micheaux, homesteader, novelist, and America's first African-America feature film maker.

The story follows 11-year-old Tomas at the turn of the 20th century, as he and Oscar begin lives as homesteaders on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. In a year of beginnings, Tomas learns to adjust to a new home, a new family, a new friend in Oscar, and a new perspective on luck.

Historical topics inherent in the story include homesteading, farming, Indian boarding schools, Pullman train porters, Lakota Sioux culture, and education.

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