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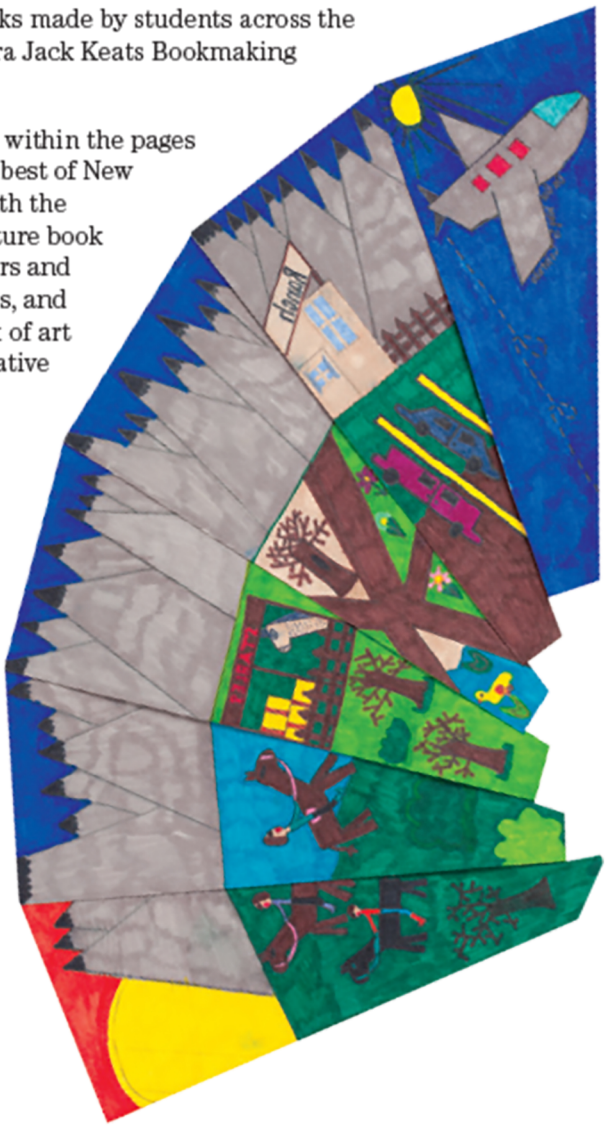
Letter from the Chancellor Richard A. Carranza

Dear Student Authors and Illustrators,

Congratulations!

Your amazing picture books are a testament to your creativity, your hard work and your determination to be authors and illustrators. Your work stands out among the hundreds of books made by students across the city who participated in the Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Competition.



Your picture books, highlighted within the pages of this catalogue, represent the best of New York City. Each of you began with the seed of an idea, studied the picture book genre, learned how other authors and illustrators make careful choices, and developed that seed into a work of art and literature. It was a true creative process, and now you are being recognized as an accomplished writer and artist. Treasure this honor.

I hope you will celebrate with the adults in your life whose support makes this possible—your families, teachers, librarians and principals. I also want to thank the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation for its generous support of this contest.

I wish you the best in your continued success as authors and illustrators, and I look forward to seeing what you'll think up and bring to life next.

Richard A. Carranza