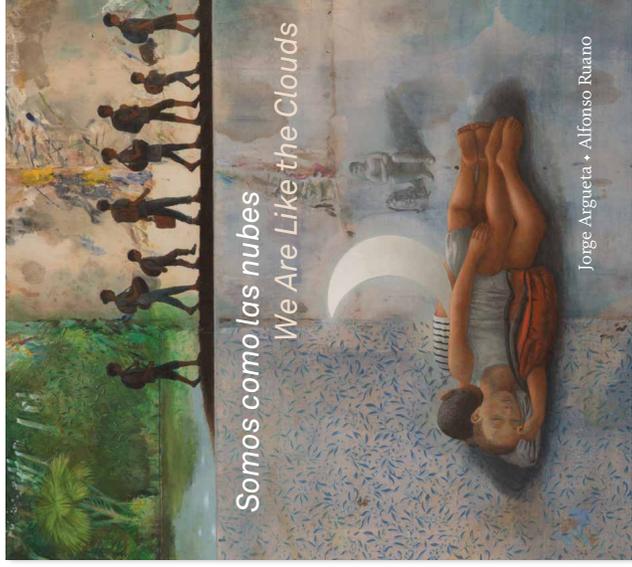


# IBBY Auction of Original Artwork for Children in Crisis



Launches Friday, 20 January 2017 and runs until the close of the Bologna Children's Book Fair on Wednesday, 5 April 2017 18:30 CET

Go to [www.ibby.org](http://www.ibby.org) to see the artwork and make your bid in this exceptional opportunity to help these children in crisis.

All the illustrations from this highly regarded book have been donated by the artist, Alfonso Ruano, to be auctioned to support the IBBY/REFORMA Children in Crisis Project.

This project is directed at Central American children from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras who are in grave danger in their home countries.

The children have fled their homes to seek refuge in the United States of America. Today they are being detained in the USA and Mexico. Many have had their refugee applications rejected and are being returned to their countries where they face a very uncertain fate.

The IBBY/REFORMA project supports them through our long-standing practice of working with children in crisis by reading to them and encouraging them to talk about their experiences. Specifically by:

- bringing them into libraries near their detention centres
- giving them books and urging them to attend a local library
- taking books to the detention centres and building up the collections
- building libraries and working with local NGOs in their home countries to bring them into contact with books, reading and safe places

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