

**Marcus Vega is six feet tall, 180 pounds,
and the owner of a premature mustache.**

When you look like this and you're only in the eighth grade, you're both a threat and a target.

After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mom decides it's time for a change of environment. She takes Marcus and his younger brother to Puerto Rico to spend a week with relatives they don't remember or have never met. But Marcus can't focus, knowing that his father—who walked out of their lives ten years ago—is some-where on the island.

A series of misadventures takes Marcus all over Puerto Rico in search of his elusive namesake. Marcus doesn't know if he'll ever find his father, but what he ultimately discovers changes his life. And he even learns a bit of Spanish along the way.

Pablo Cartaya's novels explore identity, place, and the spaces in between. His debut novel about a boy standing up for his community, *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*, received three starred reviews and is a 2018 Pura Belpré Author Honor Book. When Pablo isn't writing, he's spending time with his family or dreaming of his next visit to Puerto Rico. Learn more about Pablo at PabloCartaya.com and follow him online @PHCartaya.



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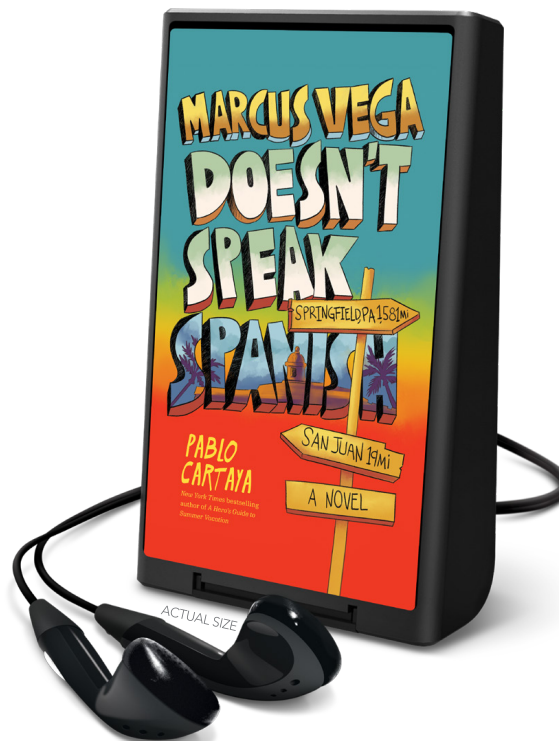
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