

# Booklist

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## **Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring.**

Cervantes, Angela (Author)

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While her mother completes a university fellowship in Mexico City one summer, biracial Paloma gets a chance to dive into both her Mexican roots and an intriguing mystery. While there, she meets a pair of siblings who ask her to help them find a stolen ring that originally belonged to Frida Kahlo. Luckily for them, Paloma is up for the job, but as she learns more about the individuals involved, it becomes harder to know whom to trust. As Paloma gets caught up in the increasingly complicated scheme surrounding the ring, following her own instincts becomes just as important as tracking down the thief. Paloma is a clever heroine who genuinely wants to do the right thing by everyone she cares about, and young readers will likely relate to her struggle in balancing her sense of justice with her feelings of responsibility to her mother. Naturally, Cervantes includes plenty of Spanish words and phrases, which are either defined in the narrative or easily understandable with context clues. Hand this to fans of art-based mysteries.

— *Kristina Pino*