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The Coquies Still Sing González, Karina Nicole Illustrated by Krystal Quiles New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2022 9781250787187

Based on true events, *The Coquies Still Sing* tells the story of Elena and her family as they endure and rebuild after Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico in 2017. In the immediate aftermath of the hurricane, the beloved coquí frogs go silent, but finally, months later, their song returns, signaling not only their perseverance but that of the nation of Puerto Rico as a whole. This book would be a great introduction to any geography or history class. The final pages talk about the true events behind the story, informing readers about the importance of the coquí frogs to Puerto Rican culture, the difficulties around rebuilding, and what inspired the author and illustrator to write and draw the book. González has a way of reminding readers of the human consequences of natural disasters, and Quiles captures the vibrancy of the culture, even amongst bare trees and ruined homes, in her painted illustrations, all making for a delightful read and one that students are sure to remember. **Alexis Chandler, Centennial Library Intern.**

Recommended.