



A Home ON THE Field

Paul Cuadros

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Paul Cuadros is an award-winning investigative reporter who has written about issues of race and poverty for more than 15 years. He is the author of the new book, *A Home on the Field: How One Championship Team Inspires Hope for the Revival of Small Town America*.

Cuadros graduated from the University of Michigan in 1985 and worked as an advertising copywriter for several years. In 1990, he returned to school to study journalism and received a master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

After graduating from Northwestern, Cuadros worked for *The Chicago Reporter*, an award-winning investigative journal that focuses on race and poverty issues. While at the *Reporter*, Cuadros won several awards for his reporting on housing, health care for the poor, and immigration issues. In 1997, he moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the Center for Public Integrity and helped write the books, *The Buying of the Congress* and *The Cheating of America: How the Rich Cheat on Their Taxes*.

In 1999, Cuadros won an Alicia Patterson Foundation fellowship to study the migration of Latinos to rural towns in the South, and moved to Pittsboro, North Carolina. Cuadros has reported on and written about the impact immigrant families have had on schools, health care, industry, and housing.

Following his fellowship, Cuadros worked for *Time Magazine* as a freelance reporter. In 2002, he won the National Association of Hispanic Journalists' online award for his special series for *Time.com* on an unaccompanied minor who had crossed the U.S. and Mexico border and had been detained by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services for more than a year. The series helped to get the minor, Ramon Zepeda, released from detention.

With a team of radio journalists from North Carolina Public Radio, WUNC-FM, Cuadros also won the prestigious Alfred I. duPont Columbia Journalism Award in 2005 for the series "Understanding Poverty." Cuadros's segment explored what happened to Latino teens as they graduated from high school and entered into the shadow world of being undocumented.

Cuadros's new book, *A Home on the Field: How One Championship Team Inspires Hope for Small Town America* (Rayo/HarperCollins), tells the story of how Siler City, North Carolina, comes to grips with Latino immigration through the lives of the local high school soccer team. Cuadros helped found the team and coached it to a state championship, the first predominantly Latino team to win such an honor in North Carolina.

Cuadros continues to write about the lives of his former high school players. He is currently working on a new project involving Latinos in the South and the justice system.

