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A Mango In The Hand: A Story Told Through Proverbs



Synopsis

Francisco is finally old enough to journey to the mango grove all by himself to gather the mangoes for a special dinner. But bees swarm the fruit, and Francisco has trouble picking them from the tree. He returns to his father several times, and each time his father shares a different proverb to inspire Francisco to continue trying. "Querer es poder. Where there's a will, there's a way!" Finally, Francisco is able to gather some mangoes, and on his way home he stops to visit his uncle, grandmother, and aunt. Francisco shares his mangoes with them, and by the time he gets home he no longer has any! "Es mejor dar que recibir. Sometimes it's better to give than to receive." Luckily for Francisco, his generosity does not go unnoticed. "Amor con amor se paga. Love is repaid with love." Readers are sure to be charmed by this humorous story about problem solving and sharing. The book includes a glossary of Spanish words. Praise for *Mango in the Hand* "story told through proverbs" could easily go terribly wrong, but this sweet tale succeeds beautifully. This smoothly written family story is filled with warmth and humor and incorporates a blending of well-placed proverbs in both Spanish and English to drive the story's themes. Digitally colored pencil-and-ink cartoon drawings reflect the lush greens of summertime and outdoor living in this intergenerational barrio. • "Kirkus Reviews

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Customer Reviews

Antonio Sacre is an internationally touring writer, storyteller, and performance artist based in Los Angeles and is the author of *La Noche Buena: A Christmas Story*. Sebasti   Serra lives with his family in a village near Barcelona, Spain.

What a wonderful book. Beautiful illustrations along with a good story. English and Spanish which is perfect for my 7 yr old who is in a dual language emersion program at school. I saw the book in the school library and thought it was a great book. So I noted the title and told my daughter to ask the librarian to check it out the next time they have library day. The librarian told my child that she could only pick from the book sprawled across the table. I'm not sure on the details of that but it seemed odd. Maybe they don't want the kids to check out the beautiful select books on display and to just check out the worn out Suess and Clifford books on the table. That way they don't have to check the books back in and put them on the shelves? Non the less I just bought the book for her and got it fairly fast. We were not really in a rush though. She loves the book and I have a good story for myself around the book.

My 6mth old niece is already an engaged reader! She's being raised in a joyful bi-lingual, multi-generational household in the American MidWest, where the musical sounds of Spanish, English, and Spanglish weave together 3 generations. Antonio Sacre's children's books *A Mango in the Hand* & *The Barking Mouse* are a big hit with Baby Sophia and the Whole Family!

I love all the sayings in spanish

Love the book and the story!

I bought it as a gift for a bi-lingual second grader. We read it together. I think I (the adult) liked it more than she did. It was great fun for me.

Good story!

Great book, funny, great use of bilingual teaching.

The colorful illustrations and rich language in the book make it a great book. This book is also good for making connections and it's quite funny.

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