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Official Bio


Mariana Ríos Ramírez is a Mexican author living in Anderson, South Carolina with her husband, two kids, and a Chihuahua dog named Rogers. She loves writing stories about diversity, kindness, friendship and perseverance; and she enjoys sharing elements of her culture, language, and traditions through her books.

Mariana has a degree in international business and an MBA degree by Tecnológico de Monterrey and Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona, USA. Before becoming a children's book author she worked as a high school teacher and co-owned an online business of party decorations.

Mariana is currently a member of SCBWI, Storyteller Academy, Las Musas, and Rate your Story. She's represented by Natascha Morris at The Tobias Literary Agency.

Santiago's Dinosaurios is Mariana's debut picture book. It was published by Albert Whitman & Company in October 2022. The story was inspired by her son's experience when her family moved from México to the USA in 2016. *Abuelita's Gift: A Día de Muertos Story* is Mariana's second picture book and it was published by Knopf Books for Young Readers in September 2024. It's based on the Mexican celebration of Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead), and Mariana feels honored to share about this beautiful tradition in her country. A Spanish edition is also available (*El regalo de abuelita: Un Cuento de Día de Muertos*).

Besides writing, Mariana enjoys photography, singing, traveling, watching k-dramas, and spending time with family and friends. She also loves flowers, dogs, and Chai Lattes.



Other Bios

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Mariana Ríos Ramírez is a Mexican picture book author represented by Natascha Morris at The Tobias Literary Agency. Her debut book *Santiago's Dinosaurios*, illustrated by Udayana Lugo, was published by Albert Whitman in October 2022. *Abuelita's Gift: A Día de Muertos Story* and its Spanish edition *El regalo de abuelita: Un cuento de Día de Muertos*, illustrated by Sara Palacios, are her newest books. Besides writing, Mariana enjoys photography, traveling, Chai Lattes, and k-dramas.

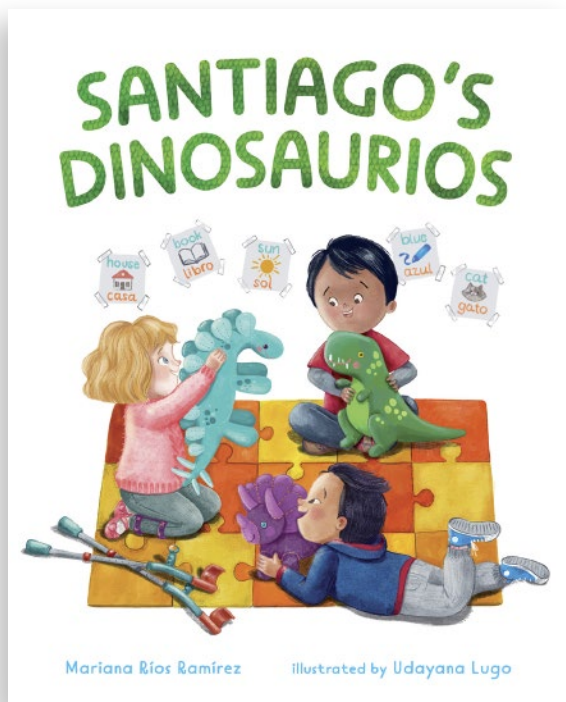
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About the book



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Reading age: 4 - 8 years

Grade level: Preschool - 3

Blurbs

1

Santiago is new to the United States, and he doesn't speak English. On his first day of school, how will he connect with his peers?

Santiago learns that even when you don't speak the same language, some interests are universal.

2

Santiago is a dinosaurio fanatic about to start first grade, but he's not happy at all. Being the new boy, in a new school, in a new country can be scary. When you add the fact that Santiago is Mexican AND he doesn't speak English, a dinosaur-sized problem emerges.

It will take perseverance, creativity, and sharing his love for dinosaurios for Santiago to discover a way to belong and make new amigos.

Graphics of the book



Art by Udayana Lugo

Reviews

“With compassion and insight, Ríos Ramírez chronicles the anxieties that many children feel upon attending school in a new country.”

- Kirkus Reviews

“The strong narrative perfectly conveys Santiago’s anxiety, with his confidence building as he participates at school, surrounded by supportive teachers and kind classmates.”

- Booklist



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