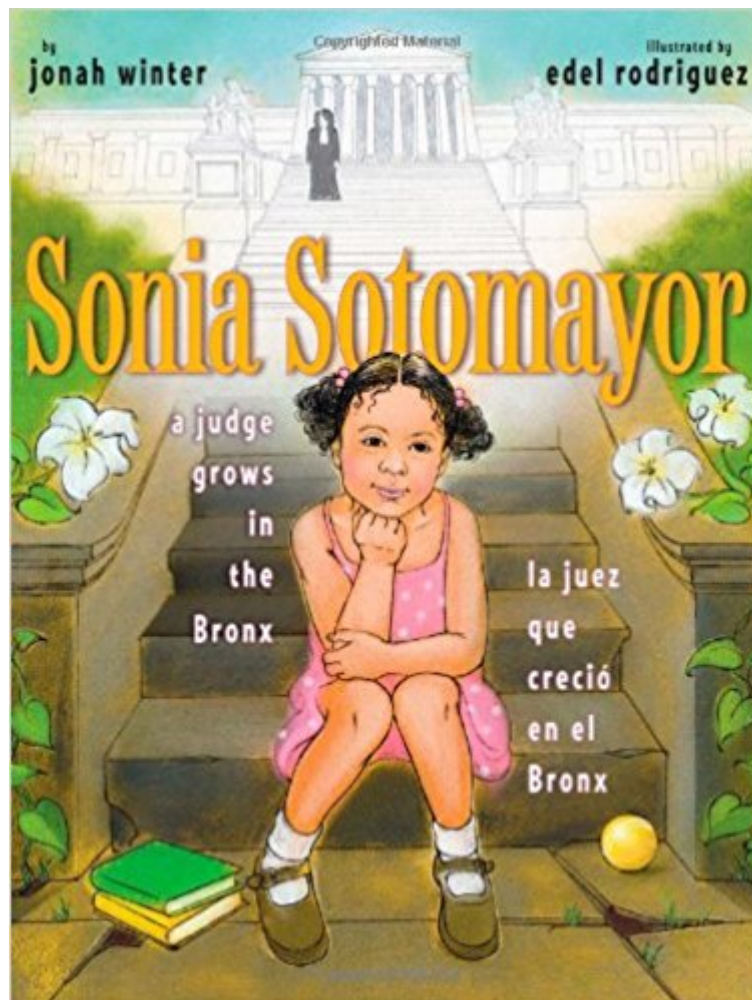




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Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows In The Bronx / La Juez Que Crecio En El Bronx (Spanish And English Edition)



Synopsis

The inspiring and timely story of Sonia Sotomayor, who rose up from a childhood of poverty and prejudice to become the first Latino to be nominated to the US Supreme Court. Before Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor took her seat in our nation's highest court, she was just a little girl in the South Bronx. Justice Sotomayor didn't have a lot growing up, but she had what she needed -- her mother's love, a will to learn, and her own determination. With bravery she became the person she wanted to be. With hard work she succeeded. With little sunlight and only a modest plot from which to grow, Justice Sotomayor bloomed for the whole world to see. Antes de que la magistrada de la Corte Suprema Sonia Sotomayor llegara al máximo tribunal de nuestra nación, no era más que una niña en el South Bronx. La magistrada Sotomayor no tuvo mucho durante sus primeros años, pero sí tuvo lo que contaba -- el amor de su madre, la voluntad de aprender y su propia determinación. Con valentía se hizo la persona que quería ser. Con trabajo arduo triunfó. Con un poquito de sol en un solarcito donde crecer, la magistrada Sotomayor floreció para que todo el mundo la vea.

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3 — Winter chronicles the life of the first Latina Supreme Court justice,

from her childhood in the Bronx to her historic nomination. The tone is upbeat from its opening line: You never know what can happen. Sotomayor certainly had a lot of obstacles to overcome: poverty, juvenile diabetes, and the death of her father when she was nine. But Winter clearly identifies hard work, determination, and a loving extended family as the keys to her success. The author is honest about how her socioeconomic background sometimes made her feel alienated at Princeton University. The emphasis, though, is on her ability to thrive like a flowering vine that would not stop growing. Images of flowers blooming unify the text and the illustrations. Rodriguez's warm yellows and oranges also underscore the optimism of Winter's text. Moreover, the variety of media used (pastel, acrylic, spray paint, and oil-based paints) perfectly echoes the rich textures of Sotomayor's life. The Spanish translation is excellent and makes the book accessible to Latino families. Sotomayor's story can inspire children of all ethnic, racial, and economic backgrounds to work hard and pursue educational and professional success. — Mary Landrum, Lexington Public Library, KY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Born and raised in a poor neighborhood of the South Bronx, Sotomayor has just become the first Latina Supreme Court justice, and this timely, accessible picture-book biography, which features both English and Spanish text on every page, brings Sotomayor's exciting rags-to-riches story to young readers. The exclamatory tone is sometimes too much ("Oh, how Sonia's mother loved her!"). But Winter lets the small details convey the drama, which is amplified in the mixed-media illustrations in warm shades of red and brown. Growing up with her loving, single-parent mom in a family that surrounded Sonia "like a warm blanket," Sotomayor was a big reader as a child and wanted to be Nancy Drew. After being diagnosed with diabetes, she had to learn to accept her physical limits, but she graduated at the top of her high-school class and then at the top of her Princeton class. She felt different from her privileged classmates, and kids of all backgrounds will recognize the universal emotions and experiences of trying to fit in. A long author's note fills in more biographical detail. Grades K-3. —Hazel Rochman

Great book for all kids. Not only tells the story of one of our Supreme Court justices, but also is written in both Spanish and English. Great for kids wanting to develop bilingual skills.

After reading this book with my 6 year old daughter and creating a mobile together for a reading

project, she spoke words that made my heart smile so big. It's the words that every parent wants to hear and the reason we share stories like this with our children: "Reading this book, makes me feel like this can happen to me too; like one day I can become a Judge". It was at that moment, the heavens opened up and the angels sang!

MY GRANDSON IS IN A SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM AND THIS BOOKS IS IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH. PERFECT FOR AVERY BRIGHT CHILD WHO IS BI-INGUAL.

I thought this was an inspiring book for elementary and middle school readers. It is wonderful for English speakers who are starting to read Spanish. It is good for Spanish speakers and readers learning English as well. It is particularly inspiring for a young diabetic. How wonderful of Sonia Sotomayor to share that very personal aspect of her life. Such a smart, friendly, perceptive and pretty young girl and woman. M

I like having Spanish and English together. Our 4 year enjoys the story. The dual language format is an opening for us to talk about the importance of learning to communicate in different ways - sometimes that means using visual cues, sometimes a different language than what we use at home, sometimes with touch, ...

Before I get to test this book on my granddaughter, I'd still give it high marks. Justice Sotomayor remembers her childhood, which some would say was bleak, as enriching, its characters loving through struggling to fit into English-speaking American. It portrays the life of a hard-working immigrant family from the perspective of one of its greatest successes.

At last! A bilingual picture book that is a biography of a strong family, with a very strong mother who raised another wise Latina woman, our new Supreme Court Justice. I expect this to become almost as frequently read in my 3rd grade bilingual class as La Llorona, the classic folktale.

Great story and wonderful drawings. The bilingual version underscores the lesson Justice Sotomayor's selection to the Supreme Court holds for us all - in the United States, dreams can come true and hard work and ability is rewarded. Even if your children (or the reader) does not speak or read Spanish, the lesson can still be taught.

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