

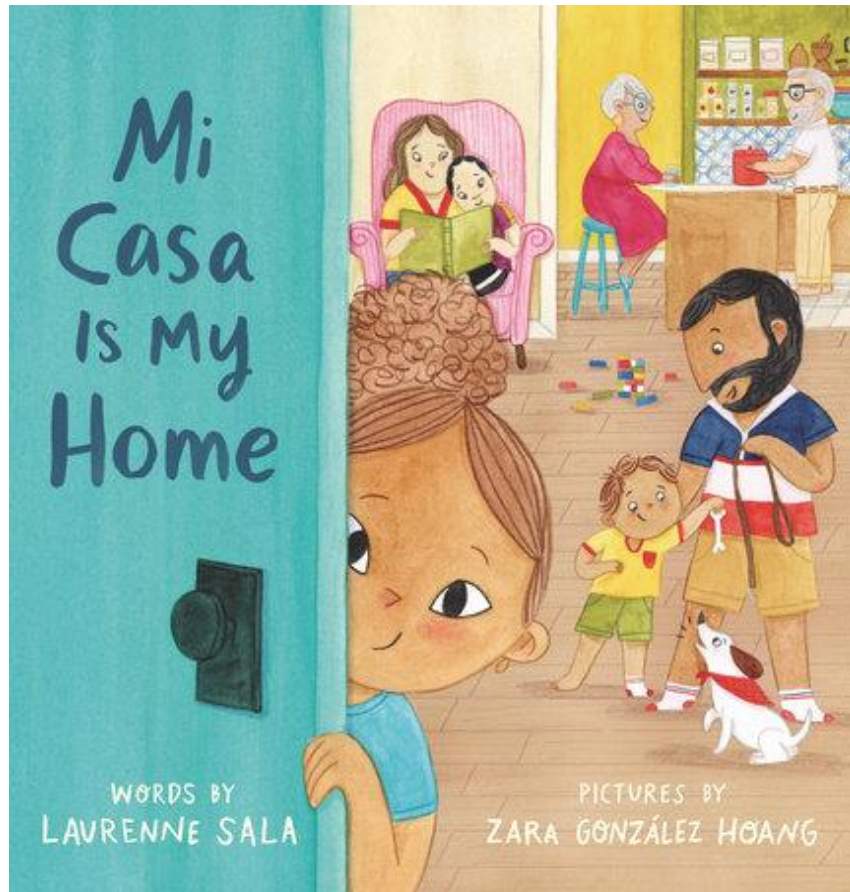
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Review of *Mi Casa Is My Home* Written by Laurenne Sala &
Illustrated by Zara González Hoang

Adult/Educator Reviewer: Xinyi Meng
The University of Georgia, Athens, US

Child/Student Reviewer: Jannel Brito, Grade 2



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Adult Review: Xinyi Meng

Mi Casa is my Home colorfully illustrates and warmly captures snapshots of family memories rooted in a Spanish culture. Narrated by a little girl named Lucia, the book written in English naturally incorporates Spanish words that unfolds a dynamic tapestry of play, food, dance, and conversations connected by Lucia’s family members coming from a Spanish background. The daily joy surrounding this “big, loud, beautiful familia” makes mi casa a special place for Lucia.

I reviewed this book with the attention to the topic of family. Under the aftermath of Covid, human connections are challenged to find ways to reestablish. With family being one of the roots of human connections, I value the warmth and love *Mi Casa is My Home* encompasses. To share this book with one of my Spanish-speaking

students is another reason I reviewed the book to celebrate her heritage. It’s wonderful to hear her speak Spanish and learn the meaning of the words from her. This book would appeal to most children and adults who value the love of family and especially to readers with an interest in Latino culture or of Hispanic heritage.

Educators need to have some background knowledge of the Latino culture the book is introducing and would be comfortable with the use of translanguaging skillfully applied in his book.

Student Review: Jannel Brito, Grade 2

I love this book because it is Spanish. This book is important because it is about family. I would recommend this book because it is in Spanish and my friends can learn about Spanish. I love the last page of the book where there’s a person sleeping and I love sleeping.