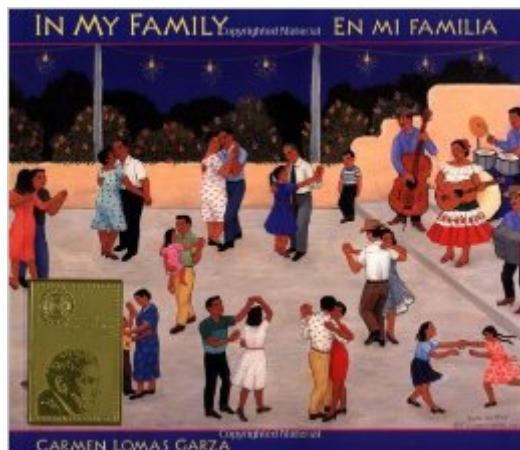


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In My Family/En Mi Familia



Synopsis

Following the best-selling *Family Pictures*, *In My Family/En mi familia* is Carmen Lomas Garza's continuing tribute to the family and community that shaped her childhood and her life. Lomas Garza's vibrant paintings and warm personal stories depict memories of growing up in the traditional Mexican-American community of her hometown of Kingsville, Texas.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 810 (What's this?)

Paperback: 32 pages

Publisher: Children's Book Press; Bilingual edition (February 17, 2000)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0892391634

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Product Dimensions: 0.2 x 10 x 8.8 inches

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Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars 25 customer reviews

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Age Range: 6 - 12 years

Grade Level: 1 - 7

Customer Reviews

Carmen Lomas Garza is a painter and children's book illustrator who does large-scale paintings based on her life growing up Mexican-American in Texas in the 1950s. Her paintings illustrate moments from her childhood, such as family meals and holidays. I saw one of her large paintings in the children's wing of a hospital where I had taken my 3-year-old for a checkup, and did a little research on her and found her books. My kid loves them; she loves to look at all the details in the illustrations and imagine what each of the people's names are and what their relationships are to each other. To be clear, these are not really storybooks: There's no plot or dialogue. Each page is a different illustration of a moment in the author's childhood, with a little bit of text from the author explaining what's going on in the picture. Parents should be aware that these are realistic depictions of childhood in the 50s and there is some very slightly graphic content, for example her uncle

bringing a freshly killed rabbit into the kitchen to cook for dinner, a picture that includes a little blood from the rabbit. But mostly these are pictures celebrating family.

This book has lovely illustrations and is written in both Spanish and English. It is probably best suited for a high school Spanish class to enrich reading and culture. I bought it to use in an ESL class at the elementary level but it is clearly not suited for young children.

We love this book! It's not for children who don't like wordy passages, but the pictures are detailed and reminiscent of my own upbringing. I loved having a chance to talk about la llarona with my kids! Not for the faint of heart, or ultra PC parent.

I absolutely looove these books and my 6 yr old seems to enjoy them aswell.

The paintings in this book are so beautiful and full and tell so much. You can see grandmothers rocking babies, children playing with each other, every little detail so sharply rendered. Look at the plates of empanadas in the kitchen and the family gathered for a backyard party. The honest, personal text--given in both English and Spanish--make this perfect. Great for anyone who wants to learn about family life as well as another culture. My[...] daughter loves to pore over these pictures. Highly recommended!

These books are great. They are bilingual (Spanish/English), collections of short memoirs from the author's experience. I have used these books for a variety of purposes, including as mentor texts with both young children and adults who are learning to write in both languages. They are uniquely American.

Garza creates the world of a Mexican-heritage family living in Texas. She captures the closeness of family life and the colorful beauty of the culture and landscape. The bilingual component helped me improve my Spanish vocabulary, and the drawings delighted me. As more and more people speak Spanish, the culture of the U.S. benefits from the language, ideas and art brought from Latin heritage into everyday life. This book is great for children and as something families can read together.

Was a gift, and they seemed very happy to have it.

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