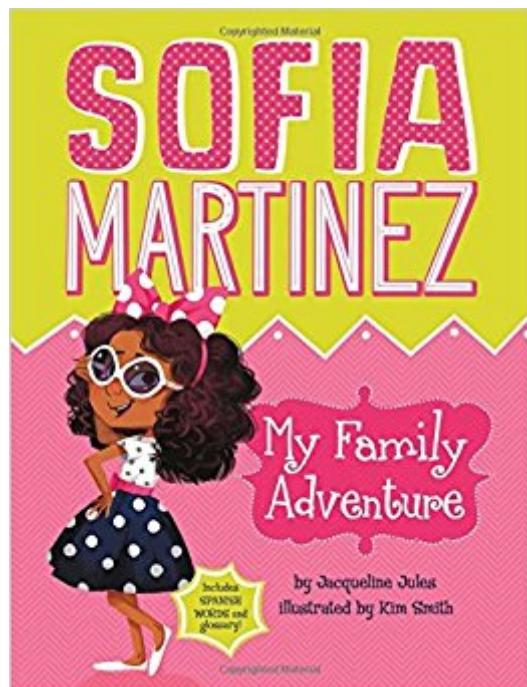


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My Family Adventure (Sofia Martinez)



Synopsis

Follow 7-year-old Sofia Martinez as she deals with her family and daily life. From a missing class pet to her grandma's birthday, Sofia's fiery passion for everything she does makes every day an adventure.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

Customer Reviews

Gr 1-2 •Seven-year-old Sofia is the youngest of three sisters and likes to take charge of every situation. As school picture day arrives, she worries that no one can tell the girls apart and exchanges her photo from the previous year with that of a sibling. When no one notices the change, she seeks the aid of Hector, her faithful cousin and neighbor, to help her put together a look that no one will miss. Next, Sofia decides to make a piñata for her grandmother's birthday, which results in spilled flour, a very messy cat, and lots of family assistance. Her final escapade involves a runaway pet mouse in the house. Tender relationships with immediate and extended family, and especially with her papá, result in a lighthearted, enjoyable read. The illustrations are colorful and lively, albeit repetitive in nature, with characters looking a bit indistinguishable.

Reminiscent of the television show *Maya and Miguel*, this book is appropriate for early readers, with

widely spaced, large-size type, and generous use of white space. The inclusion of common Spanish terms and phrases lends a sense of authenticity to the characters, while the use of bright pink font to distinguish these words in the primarily English narrative and the addition of a glossary provides scaffolds for young readers. •Ruth Quiroa, National Louis University, IL

Jacqueline Jules is the award-winning author of 25 children's books, including *No English* (2012 Forward National Literature Award), *Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off* (2010 CYBILS Literary Award, Maryland Blue Crab Young Reader Honor Award, ALSC Great Early Elementary Reads), and *Freddie Ramos Makes a Splash* (named on 2013 List of Best Children's Books of the Year by Bank Street College Committee). When not reading, writing, or teaching, Jacqueline enjoys time with her family in Northern Virginia. Kim Smith has worked in magazines, advertising, animation, and children's gaming. She has illustrated two picture books, including the upcoming *Raven and Loon*, which have been published in English and Inuktitut. She studied illustration at the Alberta College of Art and Design in Calgary, Alberta, where she currently resides.

Sofia Martinez is a fun little girl who wants the world to notice her. In each of the three stories in this short early chapter book, Sofia sets out with the best of intentions. In *Picture Perfect*, Sofia is determined to make her family take notice of her. But when switching picture frames with her older sister doesn't do the trick she has to come up with something else that will have her family oohing and aahing over her upcoming school pictures. In *Abuela's birthday*, Sofia decides she wants to make a pinata. So with the help of her cousins she sets out to do so, unfortunately, things don't go according to plan and the results involve a cat, flour, and a bathtub. The *Missing Mouse* presents Sofia with the opportunity to search for the pet mouse that escaped while in her care. Jules has written a sweet and fun series that's right up there with the *Judy Moody* series in terms of fun and character. The inclusion of Spanish words works well with definitions included at the end for those like me who are curious about the official definitions. Context helps a lot in figuring out what the Spanish words mean. Books like this are becoming ever more important as the need for diverse books continues to grow.

Very cute. My 7 year old liked it, but she's reading at the 4th grade level (instead of 2nd) and flipped thru this in about an hour. Wish it had a little bit more Spanish in it. She is in a dual language Spanish program and I was hoping for a real bilingual book that used both English and Spanish equally. Have yet to find that.

My 6 year old loves the series

Quick delivery. My 7 yr old "Sofia" loves it and told me to hurry and order the others in the series!

Story based on a brown-skinned Latina just like her and all her amiguitas :)

My granddaughter loves it.

This was the perfect book for my six year old! Easy to read. Very quick read. She really enjoyed it.

Granddaughter loved it.

My three stars don't mean anything. It's the only way I could send you this message. Teachers need to see some pages of text to decide if a book will work for their kids. By showing me only the title page, and no text, you ensured that I won't buy it for them. Why not give us a shot at looking at the vocabulary, reading level, and writing quality? Three or four pages won't kill ya! ;) The series sounds charming! Best wishes to you. Maybe one day I'll find one used, and can look at it to see if it will work for my troubled readers. Thahks!

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