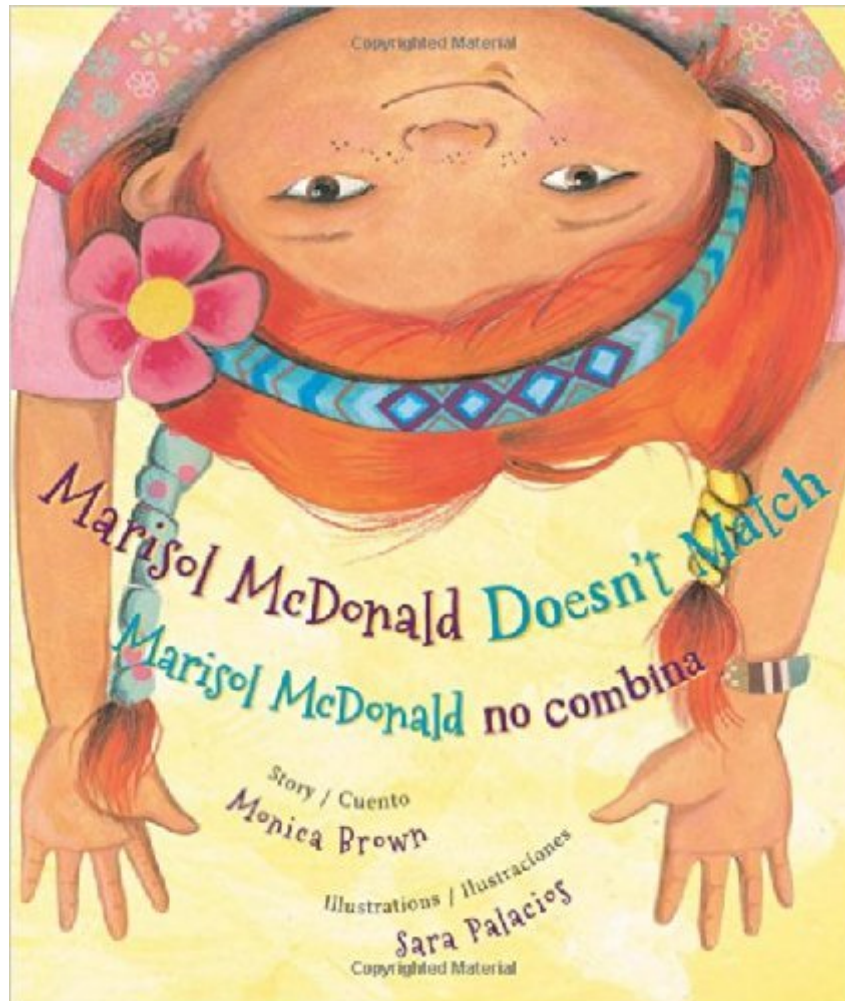


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Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match / Marisol McDonald No Combina



Synopsis

My name is Marisol McDonald, and I don't match. At least, that's what everyone tells me. Marisol McDonald has flaming red hair and nut-brown skin. Polka dots and stripes are her favorite combination. She prefers peanut butter and jelly burritos in her lunch box. And don't even think of asking her to choose one or the other activity at recess; she'll just be a soccer playing pirate princess, thank you very much. To Marisol McDonald, these seemingly mismatched things make perfect sense together. Unfortunately, they don't always make sense to everyone else. Other people wrinkle their nose in confusion at Marisol; can't she just be one or the other? Try as she might, in a world where everyone tries to put this biracial, Peruvian-Scottish-American girl into a box, Marisol McDonald doesn't match. And that's just fine with her. A mestiza Peruvian American of European, Jewish, and Amerindian heritage, renowned author Monica Brown wrote this lively story to bring her own experience of being mismatched to life. Her buoyant prose is perfectly matched by Sara Palacios' engaging acrylic illustrations.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Marisol is different, everyone tells her. Marisol likes to wear polka dotted shirts and striped pants. Marisol has brown skin and red hair and freckles. Marisol likes to eat peanut butter and jelly on

burritos. Marisol speaks Spanish and English. Marisol no combina; Marisol doesn't match. I loved reading this book in Spanish to my bilingual children at school and seeing how many of them identify with Marisol. I identified with Marisol, too, growing up with a Catholic mom from a city in the North and a Baptist dad from the country in the South, always feeling like I don't match, but never really caring. I admired Marisol's courage in creating fun new ideas from tired old ones. "My teacher, Ms. Apple, doesn't like the way I sign my name. 'Marisol McDonald,' she says, 'this doesn't match! At school we learn to print and use cursive, but not at the same time.' But I like the way Marisol McDonald looks."

We love this book! The main character, Marisol is simply adorable and yet powerful! My children talk about Marisol as if she was their friend: when picking their clothes in the morning, when choosing breakfast, when deciding what game to play. We are a bilingual family so this book is especially relevant to us, but I read this book at my daughter's preschool and both the children and the teachers loved it! I also liked that the dog was adopted from a shelter instead of bought. What a great lesson for kids!

Marisol loves art, color, peanut butter and jelly burritos, and soccer playing pirates, so it is not a surprise when she names her new puppy - kitty. Marisol loves her life and her uniqueness until everyone keeps pointing out how she doesn't match. She wakes up one morning deciding to try to change and spend the day matching. When the art teacher asks her why - she realizes she doesn't really know. A beautiful note from the teacher helps Marisol realize that her uniqueness makes Marisol, Marisol. What a positively inspiring book celebrating a child's uniqueness. A great story to share with students who are different - especially children from multi-racial backgrounds.

I love so much about this book. It's well written in Spanish and English with a story that many kids can relate to. The pictures are beautiful. It features a family that is underrepresented in children's literature. The dual language reinforces for my kids that not everyone speaks the same language while exposing them to Spanish. I love it so much I bought it for a friend's daughter for her birthday and it soon became a big hit at their house too. Highly, highly recommend!

The cover of the book and title already makes the reader guess at what the story is going to be about and draws the reader right in. As soon as the story starts the reader can already tell that the story is about a little girl who is full of confidence and embraces her mixed heritage. This little girl

loves that she is different from everyone else and enjoys that she is from different cultures. As the story goes on she gets teased and it puts her down but in the end she realizes she is unique and that is what makes her special even if it doesn't match what everyone else expects.

My daughters love this book! Marisol, the main character, is fun, spunky and easy to relate to. Her dilemma, being teased and corrected for her unique style, is pertinent for preschool and early elementary kids. The narrative arc works well. The book is not preachy nor does it take the criticism from others so far that it would make sensitive souls or super young children uncomfortable. It's very well written and the prose has a great child-like voice. And, on top of all this, the story is written in both English and Spanish. My daughter had been reluctant to engage with my attempts at introducing foreign languages until we started reading this book. She now loves for me to read it in both languages. Go Marisol!

Got this book for a friend who is having multi-racial baby. I absolutely loved the message, the fact that it's bilingual, and the editor's note about how the title was tricky to translate into Spanish because people can't not match. Which is true for English, too. So ultimately, when Marisol re-embraces the fact that she likes to combine things that aren't typically combined, the reader sees how silly it is to define what can and can't go together in the first place.

Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match is a great book about a little girl who is told she does not match. She wears mismatching clothes, she likes PB&J burritos, and has her own personal way of writing her name. When people keep asking her why she doesn't match, she decided to try and match. In the end, with the help of a caring teacher, Marisol learns that it is better to be herself. I would say this would be a great read aloud to any age group, and a read on their own book at about 2nd or 3rd grade. I would recommend buying this book for a classroom or personal collection because it has a great message of being yourself. Also because it is bilingual, it is a great book for both English and Spanish readers. Great book!

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