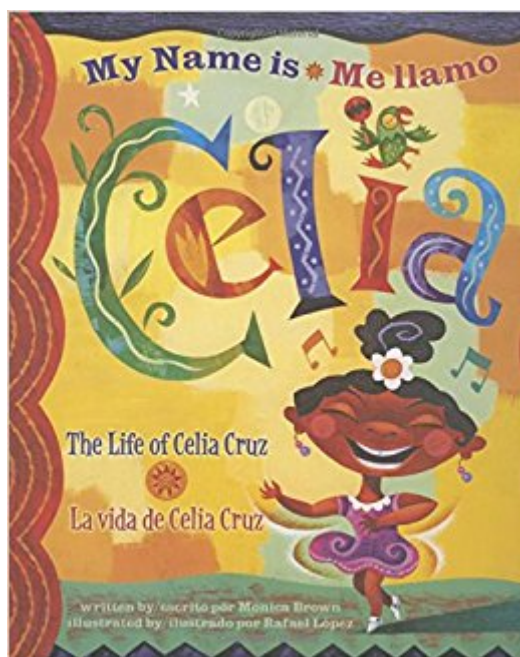


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# My Name Is Celia/Me Llamo Celia: The Life Of Celia Cruz/la Vida De Celia Cruz (Americas Award For Children's And Young Adult Literature. Winner) (English, Multilingual And Spanish Edition)



## Synopsis

This bilingual book allows young readers to enter Celia Cruz's life as she becomes a well-known singer in her homeland of Cuba, then moves to New York City and Miami where she and others create a new type of music called salsa. School Library Journal has named *My Name is Celia* an exuberant picture-book biography . . . a brilliant introduction to a significant woman and her music. •

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I bought this and a few other Luna Rising books for my students in Spanish one and two. The fact that they are bilingual makes them less intimidating. The illustrations are wonderful and they get a sort of mini biography of "la reina de música" Celia Cruz. This is the first bilingual book that I've read in which I was thoroughly captivated by both the written story and the illustrations. I love this book. I use this and other picture books to facilitate reading and language comprehension while at the same breaking away from the text book. For native speakers it is not particularly difficult, as it is a children's book, but for non native learners the language used is a bit challenging at times. Which is where the bilingual part comes in really handy. It also helps for the intermediate learners, when illustrating that translation is not always 100 % word for word. Overall this book is great just to read in English or Spanish and as a teaching tool if you are up to the challenge. It is absolutely entertaining and educational all at once. It is a great addition to any home or classroom library.

My kids loved this book about Celia Cruz! Loved how informational it was, and loved how it presented the facts. All my kids now love saying Azúcar!

Arrived in a timely manner and was as described in product description.

I used this book to teach my students about multicultural month. It was great and informative!

Kid loved her music, now has this wonderful book for young readers, that is bilingual too.

Perfect for children to know about important people in the Hispanic culture. And it's bi-lingual! Some of the translations are off but it is cute and it is as close as possible to the real translations. I actually bought this for my mother who is a HUGE Celia Cruz fan and she loved it. I can't wait for her to read it to her grandchildren.

The bilingual *My Name is Celia* would be worth buying just for the illustrations by Rafael Lopez. As a teacher who works with Spanish-speaking students, the book provides information on Cuban culture as well as on Celia, a popular Latin artist. Having two languages allows Spanish-speaking students to learn English and in turn, allows English-speaking students to build their Spanish vocabulary. This book was popular with my students, and I would recommend it for any classroom, but particularly those with an enrollment that includes Spanish-speaking students.

Love the illustration and the story of La Reina Celia Cruz. The book is in English and Spanish which is a plus. My students enjoyed reading this and finding about about her life.

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