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The Tooth Fairy Meets El Raton Pérez



Synopsis

The Tooth Fairy has some competition. Meet El Ratón Pérez, the charming and adventurous mouse who collects children's teeth in Spain and Latin America. When both the Tooth Fairy and El Ratón Pérez arrive to claim Miguelito's tooth, sparks fly under the Mexican-American boy's pillow. Who will rightfully claim his tooth? This magical tale introduces a legendary Latino character to a new audience and provides a fresh take on the familiar childhood experience of losing one's tooth.

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2 "When Miguelito hides his lost tooth under his pillow, he has no idea that he is setting off a power struggle between the English-speaking world's Tooth Fairy and her Spanish-speaking counterpart, El Ratón Pérez. The fairy says, "Here is my tooth!," and the mouse replies, "¡Aquí está, mi diente!" This clever tactic helps English-speaking children learn Spanish phrases, and vice versa. The conflict is resolved when the tooth collectors learn to work together, imparting a universal lesson about sharing and cooperation. Young readers may not consciously recognize this tale as a metaphor for growing up in two cultures, but the story does model how to successfully negotiate a bicultural life by celebrating both aspects of Miguelito's Mexican-American heritage. Lintern's pencil illustrations were edited in Photoshop to give them a

sparkly, ethereal quality that perfectly suits this modern fairy tale. The back matter includes the origins of tooth-collecting creatures in the folklore of English and Hispanic cultures. An excellent selection for libraries serving bicultural families." Mary Landrum, Lexington Public Library, KY
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Review, *Through the Looking Glass*, June 1, 2010: "This delightful picture book combines the traditions of Latin countries with those of Anglo Saxon ones bringing together the Tooth Fairy (who is English in origin) and El Raton Perez (who first appeared in a book in Spain in 1894.) Children who are about to lose a tooth will greatly enjoy this story about cooperation and friendship." Review, *School Library Journal*: "When Miguelito hides his lost tooth under his pillow, he has no idea that he is setting off a power struggle between the English-speaking world's Tooth Fairy and her Spanish-speaking counterpart, El Ratón Pérez.... Young readers may not consciously recognize this tale as a metaphor for growing up in two cultures, but the story does model how to successfully negotiate a bicultural life... An excellent selection for libraries serving bicultural families." "A marvelous story merging cultures seamlessly and with great humor. Adults will enjoy this read-aloud just as much as kids." — Sandra Cisneros, award-winning author of *The House on Mango Street*

My oldest boy, Miguel, is mixed Caucasian and Hispanic... so this is absolutely perfect for him! He loved it!

Grandkids love this book. Heard author speak so had to get book.

The book is well written and has a special way to integrate both cultures perfectly. I can not rave enough about this book. My son just lost his tooth and he didn't really get the concept of the raton which is my culture. Now he talks about him and the tooth fairy and how they work together. Genius idea! Thank you so much to the author for making this time so magical

Beautiful story! my son loved it. He lost his tooth very soon, and this helps a lot to let him know the story.

Author writes bilingually and each of his stories tells a bit of his own life. Here is North and South American collectors of teeth who meet and by combining their abilities are able to form a friendship. Great way of showing how cultures can accept and enjoy their differences and similarities.

Love this book!! Good quality as described by the seller

Very clever story line.

I was researching books to purchase for my Spanish class when I came across Ren   Colato La  - nez's collection of books. I instantly fell in love with these books! I ordered 3 of his books. Today I read The Tooth Fairy Meets el Raton Perez to my native Spanish speakers, and to my non-native Spanish students. It was amazing to see that they were just as excited about the book as I was. My students believed both the Toothfairy and el Raton Perez deserved Miguelito's tooth, and were very excited once they learned they would both share the tooth. My students were able to make connections to the book because they all knew about the toothfairy but many of their parents spoke to them about el Raton. Thank you Ren   Colato La  - nez for creating books that children could relate to. Ren   Colato La  - nez is a new favorite author for my students, and they can't wait to read more of his books! Definitely a must-have for any children's library....

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