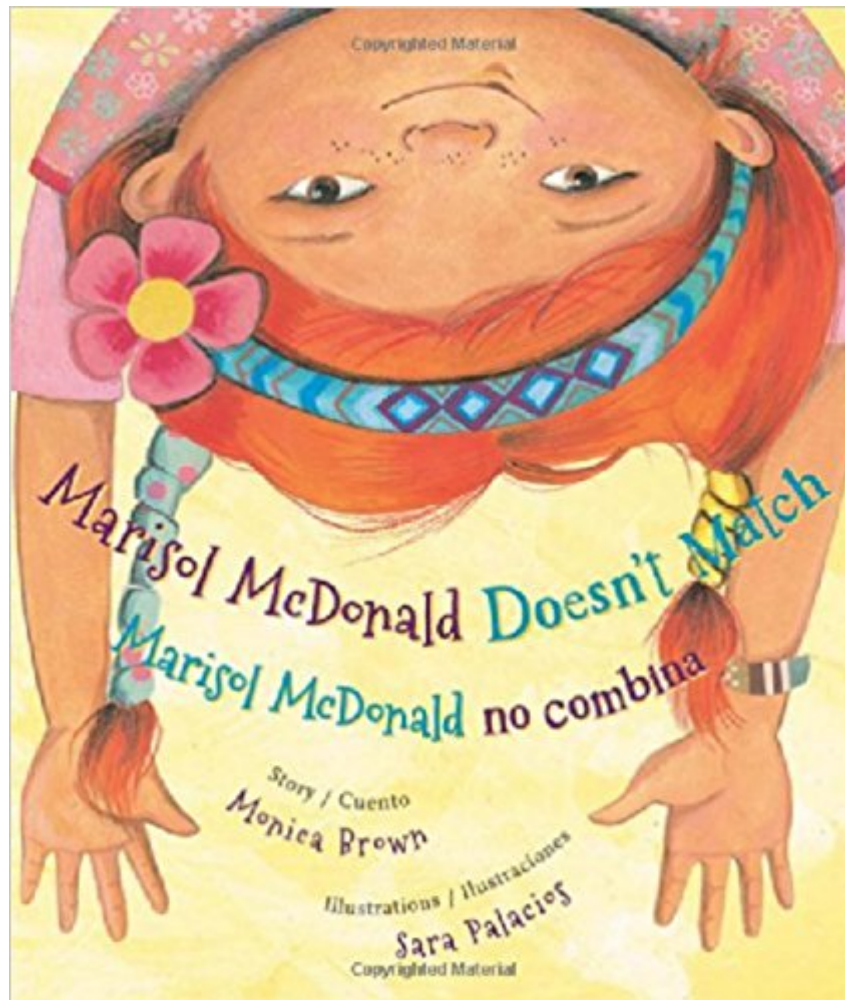




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Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match / Marisol McDonald No Combina



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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Customer Reviews

Monica Brown, Ph.D., is the author of award-winning bilingual books for children, including *My Name Is Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz*/*Me llamo Celia: La vida de Celia Cruz* (Luna Rising), a

recipient of the Américas Award for Children's Literature and a Pura Belpré Honor. Her latest book, *Side by Side/Lado a Lado* (HarperCollins) was nominated as an Outstanding Literary Work for Children in the NAACP Image Awards. She is a Professor of English at Northern Arizona University, specializing in U.S. Latino Literature and Multicultural Literature. She also writes and publishes scholarly work with a Latino/a focus and numerous scholarly articles and chapters on Latino/a literature and cultural studies. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Flagstaff, Arizona. Sara Palacios was born and raised in Mexico City. She holds degrees in Graphic Design, Illustration, and Digital Graphic Techniques from universities in Mexico, and is currently pursuing her MFA in Illustration at the Academy of Art in San Francisco. She has worked as a freelance illustrator for Santillana, McGraw-Hill, SM, and others. Sara divides her time between San Francisco, California, and Mexico City, Mexico.

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!

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.

You know how some stories have a page at the end that says: "and the moral of this story is X"? This whole book is basically that page. It's a fine moral, the book sends a good message, it's just not a good story.

I got this book for my children as they are biracial and we like to read books in Spanish and English. Marisol McDonald was a character I felt could show them what it meant to be from 2 different cultures. Not only was this book fun to read, but gave a great message of empowerment that it was ok to be who you are, even if that meant combining cultures. This is one of our favorites for sure!

Loved it, adorable and shows children that individuality, not conformity, is where the fun abides!

Its in spanish and english, and is a great story!

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!

A new favorite book for my own "extra creative" dressing daughter. We had it from the library, but wanted to own it.

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