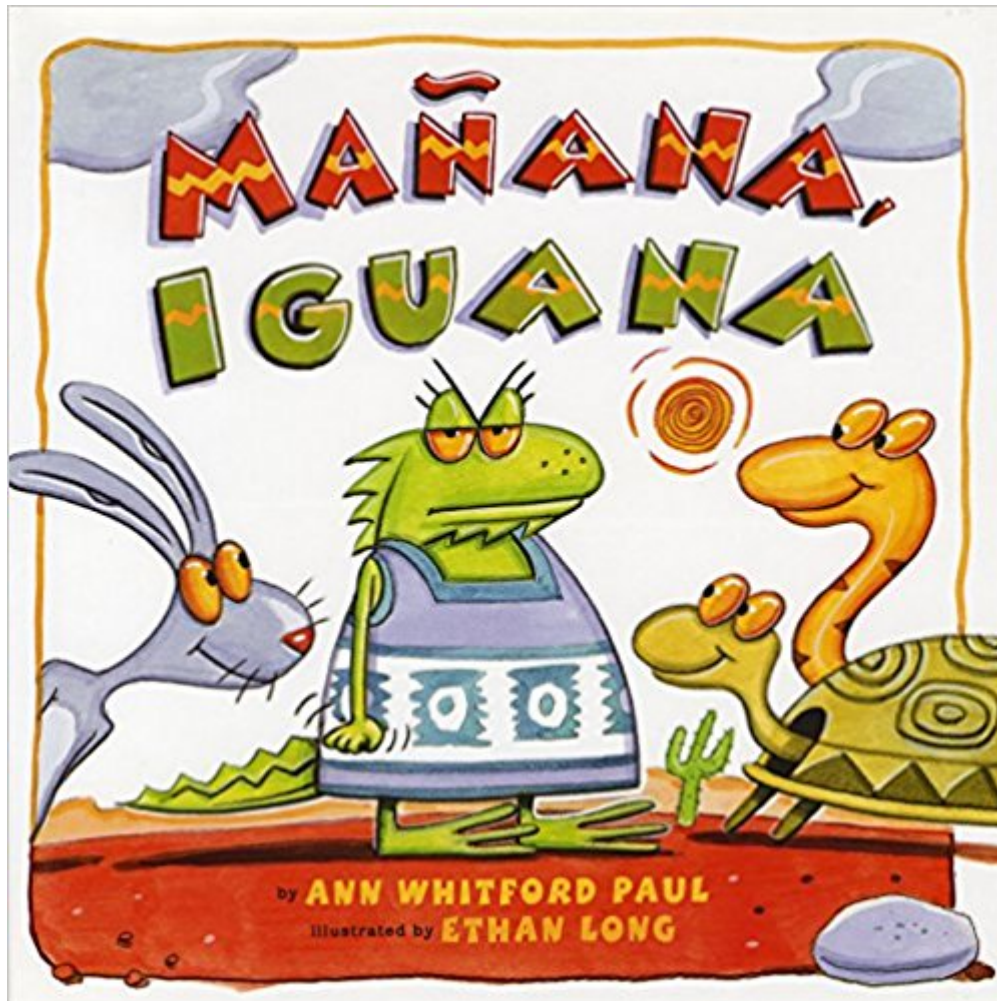




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Manana, Iguana



Synopsis

¡Caramba! Iguana is planning a fiesta. Tortuga the tortoise, Gonejo the rabbit, and Gulebra the snake all want to come. But do they want to help Iguana deliver invitations or stuff the pinata or cook the food? No, no, and no! A lazy trio loses out in this clever update of the story of the Little Red Hen with a Mexican twist. A glossary of Spanish words is included.

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3 — In Ann Whitford Paul's Southwestern version of "The Little Red Hen" (Holiday House, 2004), Iguana is planning a fiesta. But when she asks for help from her friends, Rabbit says he's too fast, Tortoise says he's too slow, and Snake says he'll help Iguana, when he grows some arms. So Iguana ends up sending and delivering the invitations, decorating, cooking, and running the fiesta. Her three pals are surprised they are not among the invited guests. When it's all over, they see how tired Iguana is and offer to clean up. Iguana is so happy with their help that they all share the leftovers the next day. Ethan Long's vibrant watercolor and gouache illustrations add to the fun. Brian and Rosi Armador read the story with authentic Spanish accents and create unique voices for all the characters. They also read the glossary on the verso of the title page to acquaint listeners with the vocabulary. Lively original music plays in the background. Sprinkled liberally with Spanish words, this is a nice addition to bilingual

story times or reading centers. — Teresa Bateman, Brigadoon Elementary School, Federal Way, WA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

PreS-Gr. 3. This lively tale starring an industrious iguana and her fun-loving but lazy friends does the "Little Red Hen" with a Latin beat and a positive spin. On Monday, Iguana announces her plans for a Saturday party. Her pals--a rabbit, a turtle, and a snake--greet each invitation to work with excuses. A running joke throughout is the snake's promise to help if he grows arms by manana. The annoyed iguana does all the work herself, writing and delivering invitations, cooking, and filling a pinata. When Fiesta comes, Iguana won't let her lazy friends attend, and then works out a clever way to redeem themselves. The hot-colored gouache artwork vividly conveys the southwestern desert, and comical touches, such as Iguana's chef's hat, keep the tale cheery. Spanish words sprinkled through the text (a glossary precedes the story) help give things an authentic feel. Connie Fletcher Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Adorable! I was absolutely head over heels in love when this book was read to my 3 year old at story time. The book exposes children to the Spanish language in a very simple way allowing for mixed exchanges in Spanish and English. The story teaches children that friends should be dependable, value of hard work, and how laziness gets us nowhere. I love how the book shows the consequences to the friends behavior and how they decide to right their wrong. I highly recommend this book for any library you would be disappointed.

Written by Ann Whitford Paul, *Manana Iguana* the book's title literally translates Tomorrow Lizard. This is the story of Iguana, a lizard who wants to host a spring celebration with all her desert friends. She began the party planning on Monday with her friends: Culebra (snake), Conejo (bunny) and Tortuga (turtle). She asked them for help for everything needed, invitations, delivery of invites, stuffing the pinata and cooking. Even though they all wanted to have a celebration, every day each one of them had an excuse and Iguana ends up doing all the party preparation all by herself. The party was a great success, every guest raved about how much fun they had. Surprisingly Culebra, Conejo and Tortuga do help Iguana to clean up after she was very tired and fell asleep before cleaning. The illustrations by Ethan Longin the book are very bright, colorful and are truly a fiesta for your little one's eyes. The pictures do a great job of describing all the elements of the party and my little one recognized all the animals in each

page. This was a great book for my bilingual toddler because it teaches everyday words such as the days of the week and a few animal names. It took us about 15 minutes to read it so I think is rather a bit long for readers under 2 years old. The book also teaches some important values which are also a bit more appropriate for the preschooler such as teamwork, cleaning up and friendship. Most importantly it teaches us to not wait until manana (tomorrow) to do what we can today. We enjoyed this book very much, thank you so much Regina for inviting us to review for Dolly's blog, it was an honor being a part of it. We give Manana Iguana 4 Dolly Heads! Read more at www.diapers-and-daydreams.com !

This is a super cute story. The storyline mimics The Little Red Hen. Iguana and her friends (Tortuga, Cabello, Conejo) want to have a fiesta for their friends and neighbors, but when the work needs to be done to get ready for the party her friends are full of excuses. Iguana does all of the work and doesn't let Tortuga, Cabello, and Conejo come to the party. After the party is over they feel bad for not helping so they clean up after Iguana goes to bed. The next day Iguana shares the leftovers with them for helping. I use this book and other variations when teaching my Pre-k students about being good friends and doing their part. It also exposes them to some Spanish words and a different culture. I got this one used at a great price and in excellent condition!

A retelling of The Little Red Hen that is so adorable!

I used this book with my K-2 students to teach a classroom guidance lesson for National Hispanic Month. Students were surprised that their School Counselor knew some Spanish, had fun learning and practicing some Spanish words and learned about the importance of respecting other's cultures and helping our friends. They loved the story and its similarities to "The Little Red Hen" story they already knew.

Cute

I bought the version of this book with the CD. My 5 year loves to listen to the story as he follows along. We speak a lot of Spanish at home but there are certain things that without practice are not clearly understood or just plain forgotten and this book does a wonderful job of teaching the days of the week in Spanish. The voices made for the characters are funny and he has immensely enjoyed this book. As a matter of fact, we discovered it at the local library and he has enjoyed it so much that

we ended up deciding to get him his own copy. The glossary at the beginning of the book, before the start of the story, is also read on the CD and it reinforces the words and pronunciation before starting the story.

Fun story with colorful illustration. Teaches children about being thoughtful and helpful and being a good friend.

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