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# Say Hello!



## Synopsis

Carmelita loves to greet everyone in her colorful neighborhood. There are people from so many different cultures! They all like to say hello too, so now Carmelita can say hello in Spanish, English, French, Japanese, and many other languages. And her dog, Manny? Well, he seems to understand everyone, and gives a happy "Woof!" wherever he goes. Caldecott Honor winner Rachel Isadora's eye-catching collages are full of kid-friendly details like colorful storefronts, pigeons and an ice cream truck, making Carmelita's neighborhood fun to explore. Emphasizing the rich diversity of America's neighborhoods, this simple portrait of a child's day provides a great introduction to the joy of language.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1 **•** Carmelita and her mother set out to visit Abuela Rosa. As they pass each family or store, they call out the appropriate greeting. Whether it be friends just returning from Africa ("Jambo!") or the woman in the bakery ("Bonjour!"), Carmelita's dog is ready with a friendly "Woof!" When Carmelita reaches her grandmother ("Hola!"), the two share a smile as the pup seems to understand yet another greeting. Carmelita's busy, diverse neighborhood is a place that children will enjoy, and Isadora's oil-and-collage illustrations are richly detailed. From Carmelita's

huevos con tocino (eggs and bacon) to the Japanese restaurant's lanterns, textured paint and printed patterns invite readers to linger on each page. Text and illustrations work together to provide clues for readers who may be learning these greetings for the first time. Pronunciation is not included, so adults will want to prepare before reading the book aloud. This accessible story could be used to discuss not only languages, but clothing and manners as well. —Lisa Glasscock, Columbine Public Library, Littleton, CO Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

One morning Carmelita, her mother, and their dog Manny go to visit Abuela Rose. Walking through their neighborhood, they run into friends and shopkeepers and stop to greet them in different languages: “Buenos días” to Señora or Enrico at the bodega, “Shalom” to Mrs. Rosen and her children, “Konichiwa” to the Japanese restaurant staff, “Jambo” to Joseph and his parents, “Al salaam” to the butcher and his family, and so on. In contrast, Manny greets everyone with “woof.” There's no real drama; the text is pared down to essentials and the striking collage-style illustrations are colorful and dynamic. Richly patterned with oil paints as well as printed patterns, the cut-paper shapes show up vividly against the white backgrounds. Pair this upbeat book with *Manya Stojic's Hello World!* (2002) and *Lila's Prap's Animals Speak* (2006) for opening discussions of different languages and cultures. Preschool-Grade 1. —Carolyn Phelan

We absolutely love this book. The illustrations are gorgeous and the story of diversity in one's neighborhood lovely.

My 20-month-old son loves the pictures. My 3-year-old loves the story. I love the introduction of other languages.

I got this book as a gift for my cousin and her baby living in Spain. The blend of English and Spanish is perfect as she'll be growing up learning English and Spanish. The illustrations are beautiful and the diversity of nationalities represented is wonderful.

I live near Johannesburg, South Africa and am well aware of Ms. Isadora's books. I teach in a small school what in the States is Second Grade. One of my pupils brought in, *Say Hello!*, and my entire

class and I fell in love with it. Please be assured we will have one in our little, sharing library soon. It is a wonderful way to introduce different cultures and languages to my children. We all appreciate the vibrant and appealing illustrations and will do our own collages gained from the inspiration gathered from the book. Thank you, Miss C. Holloway

Great classroom book! This book offers a wonderful introduction to the diversity of languages and greetings that abound in the neighborhood in which she lives. The book is colorful and well paced. My K-1 students have enjoyed it! Plus, there is a pronunciation guide at the end of the book.

This book is great - my 1 year old loves it and is learning how to say hello in many languages. It also offers a simple approach to talk about different cultures.

Beautiful book, illustrations, and content is simple and on age level reading I bought the book for my grandchild that's three years old.

good quality

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