

Dragones Y Tacos (Spanish Edition)

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Synopsis

Si quieres ser amigo con un dragón, los tacos son la clave. Todo el mundo sabe que solo hay una cosa que a los dragones les gusta más que las fiestas y los tacos y es una fiesta de tacos. Pero hay algunos detalles que hay que tener en cuenta si das una fiesta de tacos: a los dragones les encantan los tacos de pollo, los de carne, los tacos gigantes y los pequeñitos. Para decidir cuántos tacos vas a necesitar para la fiesta, llena un barco de tacos y esa será la cantidad adecuada. Pero ten muy presente que no debe haber ninguna salsa picante, porque, si no, ¡la cosa se pone verdaderamente en llamas!

Everyone knows that there is only one thing that dragons like more than parties and tacos and it is a party of tacos. But there are some details to keep in mind if you give a party of tacos: dragons love chicken tacos, meat tacos, giant tacos and little ones. To decide how many tacos you will need for the party, fill a boat with tacos and that will be the right amount. But keep in mind that there should not be any hot sauce, because otherwise the thing is really on fire!

The award-winning team behind *Those Darn Squirrels!* has created an unforgettable, laugh-until-salsa-comes-out-of-your-nose tale of new friends and the perfect snack.* “Off-kilter fun for those who like their picture books (and salsa) zesty and fresh.”—Publishers Weekly, starred review

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several magazines and newspapers including The New Yorker and the New York Times, and works on a wide array of projects from packaging design to branding. He currently lives with his wife, son, and their dog Ronni in New York City.

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ewomack, "Provides great advice for anyone planning "una fiesta de tacos" for "los dragones." ¡Oye, tú!... Dragons love tacos. What sane person would try to deny that nearly obvious tautology? Indubitable evidence for it exists everywhere. But many don't know the details and implications of this well-known fact. Thankfully, the book "Dragones y Tacos" (a Spanish translation of "Dragons Love Tacos") gives additional important information and discusses some unknown implications and consequences for those who want to further explore this fascinating field of study. Right away, it beckons us to listen: "¡Oye, tú!" and tells us that "dragones" not only "gustan los tacos de carne," but also "tacos de pollo," "tacos gigantes" and "tacos pequeñitos." Who would have thought? One need not really ask "¿por qué a los dragones les encantan los tacos?" but for those who don't get out much, the book lists "el rico olor" and "las sabrosas y crujientes tortillas," but also adds, chillingly, "quizá sea un secreto." "Pero," and this is important, "...si los dragones adoran los tacos, odian la salsa picante mil veces más." Theories have abounded for centuries, but the text claims: "hace que les salga humo por las orejas" and "hace que [ellos] estornude chispas de colores." One can only imagine the rigorous research put into this book! And who would have thought "les gustan las fiestas de disfraces" and "las fiestas en las piscinas" and "música de acordeón." Not surprisingly, "les gustan las fiestas de tacos" above all. For this, one needs "montones de tacos" and the book even recommends to "busca una barca y llénala de tacos." For maximum safety, "esconde toda la salsa picante que tengas en casa" and even "entiérrala en el patio." Use caution and don't end up getting asked "¿no leíste la letra pequeña?" or the consequences could prove ominous. Thankfully, the book also insinuates that "los dragones" will also help you clean up, and maybe even help rebuild, if some "superpicantes jalapeños" sneak in. But why risk it? Why? Why? Why? Why? Why? "Dragones y Tacos" revels in fantastic absurdity. The illustrations provide the perfect backdrop for the tale of a boy, Robbie, and his dog, Kodi, attempting to host "una fiesta de tacos" for "los dragones." Small details in the pages appear everywhere upon closer inspection. Books in the boy's bookshelf include "Colin Harris," "Stuff," "Prune" and "Mad" (maybe a marginalized tribute to the humor magazine). One of the salsa jars features the ubiquitous "bandito pepper" wielding guns to show just what a kick the salsa delivers. A bespectacled dragon author appears on the back cover of the book "¡Salsa No Picante!" One of the dragons playing in the pool wears a seashell bikini next to what looks like a giant floating inflatable taco. A pair of jeans overflows with tacos. A small blue dragon wears a red bow. One of the last pages includes a small bulbous bird perched on top a dragon's long sinuous neck. For Spanish learners seeking an "easy" read, this book does not use absolute beginner's Spanish, it even includes the subjunctive in numerous places, e.g., "sea," "tenga," "salga." That said, anyone comfortable with advanced beginner or intermediate Spanish should encounter very few problems working through the text as a whole. Those not familiar with the basic verb tenses: present, imperfect, preterite, future and the basic compound tenses should probably continue

learning before reading this book. Further work will pay off, since "Dragones y Tacos" provides a fabulous visual and textual ride and also provides plenty of sound advice for anyone planning "una fiesta de tacos" of their own. It's not "demasiado tarde" yet."

Tatiana Irizarry, "Perfect translation. I had both Dragons love Tacos in English and read them in Spanish out loud to my toddler. He loved them so much! The books had some tears (and missing pages already). When I saw these two in Spanish I ordered them and the translation is really good! It's exactly how I read it to my boy. He tells ME the story now."

Deborah, "Muy divertido, y fácil a leer en español. I love reading this silly and fun book to my 4 year old granddaughter. We are both learning Spanish and this book is easy to read and understand. A real favorite!"

Jackie, "Better than the English version!. So maybe it's just because we read it so many times in Spanish first, but the Spanish version is so much better than the English version!! We love this book (kids and adults alike). I read previous negative reviews about some sentences missing (around the pool party scene)...not true. The story makes sense & the Spanish is good (unlike some other translated kid books). You won't be disappointed!! If you're looking for a good book to read to your kids in Spanish- this is a GREAT one."

BRH, "Spanish Language book for immigrant/refugee children. I bought this book to be given to immigrant children who are being helped by our local Grannies Respond group that meets the Greyhound busses that arrive at least 3 times a day at our Louisville KY bus station. Immigrant families are on their way to their sponsors or family members in other cities and states; and they usually have nothing but the clothes they are wearing. Some have even arrived without shoes. Grannies Respond provide these families with snacks, water, and some of the bare necessities for their travel. We collect small toys as well as clothes and diapers for the children."

Romriter, "Este libro es realmente bueno.. Este libro es realmente bueno. Es divertido y las ilustraciones son maravillosas. El vocabulario es adecuado para niños y otros que aprenden español. Recuerde no incluir la salsa caliente cuando invite a los dragones a su fiesta."

Roze Gritten, "GREAT book!. My kids love this book and the Spanish version is just as good. I was worried about the translation, but it worked out wonderfully. LOVE this book!"

Maria Fernanda Anaya Arias, "Perfecto. Me alegro mucho de haberlo pedido, era para un pequeño que empieza a leer en español, llego en buenas condiciones y a tiempo, vale la pena adquirirlo es muy divertido y si tu hijo es un amante de los tacos este es el cuento ideal."

Diana Mtz, "Bien traducido. Muy divertido. La verdad tenía mis temores acerca de la traducción

porque me ha pasado que compro algunos títulos originales en inglés y la traducción al español es muy mala. Afortunadamente no es el caso y le ha gustado mucho a mi hija de 4 años. Las ilustraciones son lindas, sobre todo las de los dragones, y la historia es muy simpática.”

Roberto, “Súper divertido!. Un libro muy divertido, lo compre para dar de regalo a una niña que le gustan los dragones, fue un éxito, lo volvería a comprar para dar de regalo.”

Olivia Aceves Marin, “Good for the price. I didn’t love the story, I found it repetitive, but my 2yo love it! The images are goor and the quality of the book it’s ok.”

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