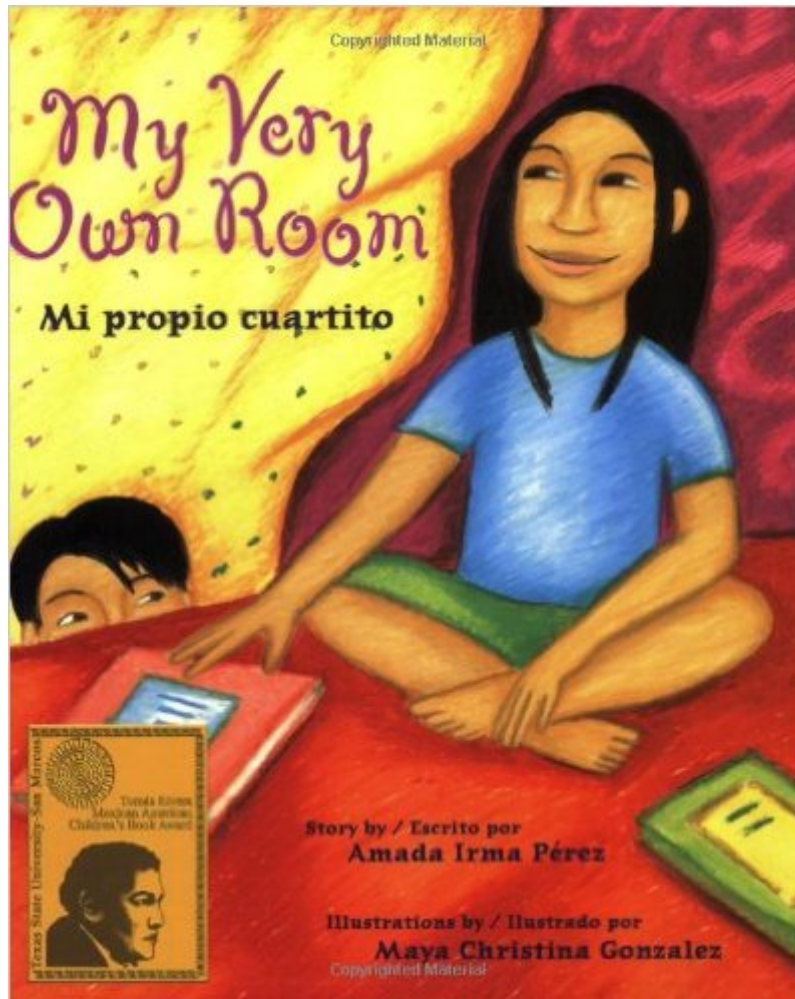


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# My Very Own Room/Mi Propio Cuartito



## Synopsis

The young Mexican American girl at the center of this charming book loves her family &#x97; five younger brothers, her two parents, and several visiting relatives &#x97; but in such a crowded house, she can never seem to find a moment alone. Told in both English and Spanish, this boldly illustrated title delivers the inspiring story of a California family that pulled together to give a young girl her own corner of the world. Imparting lessons about collective problem solving, the unshakable bonds of familial love, and the possibilities that arise when you dream big, this book is one for every child's shelf.

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 5

## Customer Reviews

Even though this is a picture book, it touches social issues such as immigration, poverty, "Blue chip" stamps, and a father the girl rarely sees because he works the whole day. What I like about this book is that the little girl never complained about her family. She just needed her own space, but she never hatred her relatives for steeling her privacy. This is a beautiful book which portrays the social conditions of many families in a lot of countries, where they live in much reduced spaces and the money is not enough to build more rooms. I also like the fact that the relatives and the family were together and had a great harmony. They helped the little girl to clean up the storage room, and

to obtain donated furniture. I appreciate the author for emphasizing the girl's love for literature. This is also a book that teaches about being happy even if the economic resources are limited.

*My Very Own Room* reminded me so much of my childhood. Being the baby of six I never had my own room, or privacy. One of my sisters was so desperate for her own room that she moved into the laundry room, this is very similar to the young lady in the book. The young lady loved her family and it was never about being away from family as much as it was about needing her own space, being the only girl. The one thing that I was not a fan of was when it went into her getting a new lamp. I would have loved the book to be more about her and her family, not the lamp. I understand why the author went into needing stamps for the lamp, but the idea of needing family was sufficient enough. This is a great book about learning to make the most of what you have. I think it also can show kids that no matter how little you have you always have family.

This beautifully illustrated picture book which is in both Spanish and English clearly and magically enthralls both children and adults alike. It shows the warmth of family life despite five brothers and one sister living in such close quarters and the ingenuity and generosity of the whole family making one little girl very happy. I loved it.

How do you find room for yourself, the only girl in a house full of younger brothers and limited space? That is the question the author answers with this large, loving family of limited means. It is also wonderfully done from a cultural perspective, with the story written in Spanish and English together. With an increasingly diverse population, many young readers will connect to this story from their own personal experience, whether it be a large extended family, limited living quarters, or just having to share a bedroom with someone else. This book will resonate with many readers. Readers will also be drawn to the colorful illustrations of Maya Gonzalez who uses bold, smooth colors that add depth to the storyline. Children will easily connect the illustrations to the text and get a much broader view of the story. Perez and Gonzalez received The Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award for this beautifully illustrated book that fosters a multicultural understanding of the Mexican American experience. Through illustrations and storyline, a devoted family who cares deeply for one another, rallies together to help find room for the first born daughter.

I think this book would be great for 3rd-5th graders because they're in that stage of wanting their

privacy and wanting their own space and such. The way this story is told is amazing in how its told in english and in spanish about a young girl amongst a big family all living together in a small house how some spanish families do. They're all about being a family and helping each other out in hard times and do almost everything together. Amongst all the chaos and long lines for bathroom, shower etc. she loves her family and 5 younger brothers, but she's now getting older and wanting to have her own space which is understandable being the oldest and only girl. This can also give an insight for parents about how young children do like to be left alone to read or think, or just let their imaginations go free and ponder their secret dreams and desires. This is a very touching story and how the love between family can conquer through anything.

My Very Own Room is picture book about a Mexican American girl who lives in a small house and has to share a room with her five brothers. She is longing to have a room of her own but there is just no space to make another room for her. Her home is the place where her relatives will stay when they are in town which makes for the house to be even more crowded. She loves her family dearly but she still longs for her independent space. When she goes into the storage closet she realizes that this could be the space she needs for her own room. The family gets together and they make her dreams come true. She finally gets the room she always wanted. The pictures in this book are breath-taking. There is so much color on every page and the illustrator really paid attention to the details. All the colors are bright and beautiful. The one thing I really liked about this book is that it is in English and Spanish. This gives the reader a look into different cultures and the closeness of family. This book is a Tomas Rivera Mexican American Award Winner.

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