

Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match

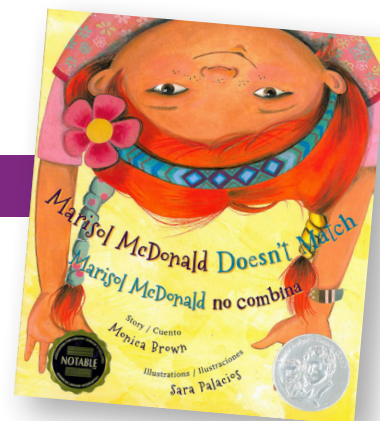
A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Bilingualism, Family, Friendship, Self-Expression

Book Brief: Marisol McDonald is a multiracial Peruvian-Scottish-American girl who embraces her unique combinations, like red hair with nut-brown skin and peanut butter and jelly burritos.

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TIME TO READ!



Before: Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask your child, “What does it mean to match?” and “What do you think will happen in this story?”

During: As you read, ask, “What does Marisol mean when she says she doesn’t match?”

After, ask questions:

- How does Marisol express herself?
- Why does Marisol try to match? What happens?
- What can you learn from Marisol?

INTENTIONAL TALK

Language Awareness, includes the way print sounds when it is read, and the understanding and enjoyment of different forms of written language. This story has both English and Spanish words, these words may or may not be familiar to your child. As you read the Spanish words, say to your child that the family in the book speaks both Spanish and English. If your family speaks both

Spanish and English, point out that this is one way that your family and the family in the story are similar. Are there other ways? Does your family use the Spanish words that are included in the story? If your family doesn’t speak Spanish, talk about the Spanish words as you read them. Can you figure out what they mean by reading the rest of the story?

RELATED ACTIVITIES



Self-Expression Fashion Show

Let your child know they are going to put on a fashion show! Help your child look through their clothes to figure out how they want to express themselves. This can be with bright colors, mismatched socks, and fun accessories. If you are comfortable, let them explore your closet too! After your child finds their perfect outfit, ask them to describe why they chose the items and how the outfit makes them feel. Do you have any special memories of outfits you loved as a child or do any of your clothing items remind you of someone special? Share these precious memories with your child.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY MONICA BROWN

- **Butterflies on Carmen Street (2007)**
- **Waiting for the Biblioburro (2011)**
- **Tito Puente, Mambo King/Tito Puente, Rey del Mambo (2013)**