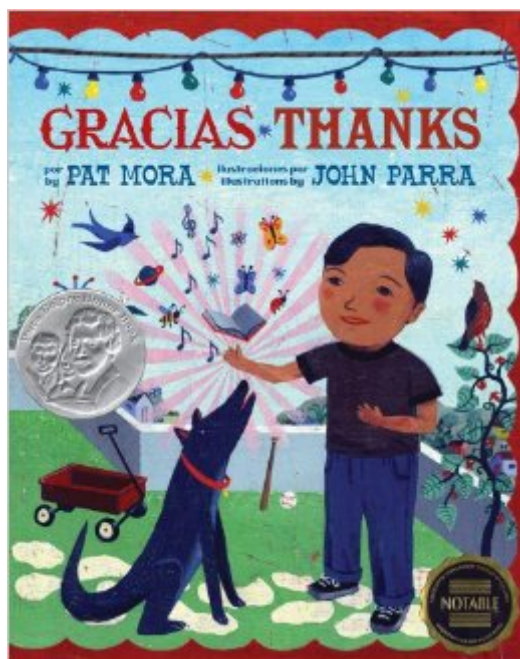


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# Gracias / Thanks (English And Spanish Edition)



## Synopsis

In a series of poetic sentences, a young boy (biracial Mexican/Caucasian) tells about some of the everyday things for which he is thankful. Come share the joy, and think about all the things for which you can say, ¡Gracias! Thanks!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

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## Customer Reviews

A young boy pushed back his blanket and rubbed his eye. The sun had woken him up and it was time to get up, take off his soft old pajamas and start his day. Later he was sitting on a bench enjoying the spring weather. He was writing and drawing in his journal thinking about the things he was thankful for. He smiled as a ladybug landed on his finger because that was something to be thankful for. When he was at the beach with his sister they would run into the "foamy waves" and that too was something to be thankful for. "Por las abejas que no me picaron y convirtieron en un alfilerito, gracias." "For the bees that didn't sting me and turn me into a pin cushion, thanks." There were so many things that a boy could be thankful for, but a nice one was when Abuelita snuck him a bit of money when no one was looking. Friends, worms that helped him catch a "big fish," a brother who did silly things to make him laugh, Mom who found his lost homework, his uncle's music, a supportive family, the chocolate Dad poured on ice cream and last, but not least, those old pajamas

that make him feel like he was "putting on air." Thank you! This is a very endearing book about a young boy who is thankful for the ordinary things in his life. There is a charming two-page spread of the things this boy is thankful for. Each statement of thanks is done in both English and Spanish as the boy depicted is biracial and bilingual. I loved this simple story of appreciation and thought the artwork meshed quite well with the tale. The art work, rendered in acrylic, had an interesting vintage look to it with little scratches and "crazing" here and there. This book would be a lovely addition to any homeschool or classroom shelf!

**Appreciate the Small Things in Life**  
**Gracias Thanks**  
**Pura Belpre** Illustrator Honor Book- 2009  
**By: Pat Mora**  
**Illustrated by: John Parra**  
**Gracias Thanks** is a poetic like writing in both English and Spanish. This is a great children's book for bilingual children or introduction of a new language. Pat Mora's words on every page make you think just how grateful we should be of all the small things in daily life. This children's book is a great way to introduce children to appreciation of life. The story seems to be narrated from a child's perspective of life so that other children can relate. We are taken through the young boy's day as he starts the story by thanking the sun for waking him and ends with thanking the crickets for putting him to sleep. The illustrations only deepen the thoughtful expressions. The pictures are fun and bright filled. Each one of the images make you relate to that situation. This book is great for parents/caretakers to read with children so each of them can obtain a greater awareness of life's simple things. After reading this book, you can discuss what children should be thankful for.

This book has great, colorful illustrations. It is a bilingual book that appeals to children. It also has a good message, be thankful for the little things. It is adorable and the text is simple for our Kindergarten - 2nd grade children. I would most definitely buy this book again.

The only thing I can add to other reviewer's comments is that this book's illustrations are so full of detail that I can use it not only to practice Spanish with the text, but also to learn the names of colors and objects depicted in the vivid illustrations. I can practice finding things I know, look up what I don't know, and practice counting the objects in Spanish. A fun way to learn and practice Spanish.

This was a truly adorable book! The story was cute and the translation was good. We are an English speaking household in a Spanish-immersive program and really enjoyed the book. The story itself was really sweet and the fact that it was dual language was a bonus! Also, for anyone concerned -

the "thanks" were not religious in nature, so that was a bonus as well!

This is a really nice book for children. Helps teach children to be thankful with translations in both english and spanish. Throughout the book the little boy mentions and names things he is thankful for with the translation in both languages. It's nice because he is thankful for simple and ordinary things in life which some spoiled kids might not be or things that kids would think to be thankful for. It's a nice reminder for children and educational within the languages.

Pat Mora has written a beautiful, bilingual children's book about a young boy who is thankful for the everyday things in life. He takes us on a journey of his list of all the simple things he is thankful for: ladybugs, his little brother, his best friend, his parents, his grandmother, his favorite pajamas, chocolate syrup, and the crickets that serenade him to sleep at night. The illustrations by John Parra make this book come to life before your very eyes. This book is recommended for reading levels 2-3 and interest level K-4.

This is a very nice little book. I love that it is in English and Spanish. The illustrations are pretty unique, and my daughter who can't read yet likes them. This story has a very nice message---very cute!

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