

The Birthday Book | Las Mañanitas

Talk. Sing. Read. Write. Play.



The Birthday Book is inspired by the classic Mexican birthday song “Las Mañanitas” (The Mornings), which is sung to wake up a child on the morning of his/her birthday. This celebratory song is a fixture at every birthday party, and the best way to welcome a great day. In this book, we celebrate the birthday bunny from the moment his friends wake him up, right on through his birthday celebration!

Kids will enjoy this easy-to-read book with colorful characters and fun lift-the-flap surprises in English and Spanish.

Novelty book:

Reversible, accordion fold with multiple lift-the-flaps. English on one side of the book, Spanish on the other.

ISBN: 978-1945635076



Board book:

Multiple lift-the-flaps. English and Spanish on opposite pages.

ISBN: 978-1945635168



Talk.

Use the book to discuss birthdays. Ask if there are any birthdays today or recently? How did each child celebrate his/her last birthday? What would they like to do for their next birthday?

Sing.

Pick a child in the room, one with a recent or upcoming birthday and sing the song to him/her. You can even do it in both languages for double the fun!
Lyrics, as well as sing-along videos, are available at CanticosWorld.com.

Read.

Novelty book: Interject your own sounds and commentary as you lift the flaps. For example, start by opening the first flap with a rooster crow. On the second flap you can say "Wake up snuggle bunny!" to the birthday bunny who doesn't want to wake up. Play peek-a-boo with the next characters who pop up to surprise the birthday bunny. Read the story once in English. Flip the book and read it in Spanish. Open the book across to see all spreads and: 1. Lay it flat on the floor to see the whole story or 2. Stand it up and connect the ends into a circle to sit inside and be surrounded by the story.

Board book: Pick one language to read the story through to the end. Start again in the second language. Not a Spanish speaker? No problem!
Check out the free sing-along videos and app to hear the correct pronunciation.

Write.

Have the kids make a birthday card to their future selves with wishes for the next year (or to someone they love, even if it isn't their birthday). They can practice signing their names.

Play.

Ask for volunteers or choose a child to celebrate. Pretend it's one child's birthday and the others are there to wake him/her up with the song. Act out a birthday party complete with cake eating and piñata breaking. Have all kids open an imaginary gift and tell the others what they received.

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