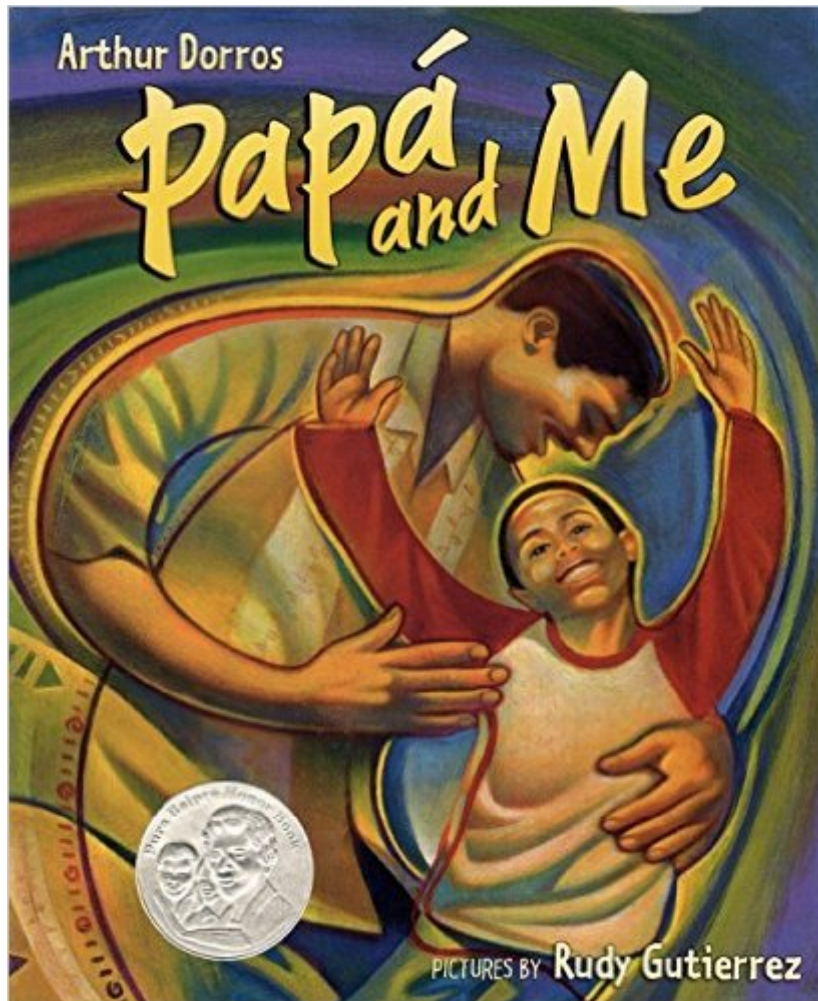


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# Papa And Me (Pura Belpre Honor Books - Illustration Honor)



## Synopsis

In *Papá and Me*, a young boy and his papa may speak both Spanish and English, but the most important language they speak is the language of love. In this beautiful bilingual picture book, Arthur Dorros portrays the close bond between father and son, with lush paintings by Rudy Gutierrez. Fans of *Abuelo*; *Abuela*; and *La Isla* will be thrilled by this multigenerational picture book that emphasizes the overall message of love between a parent and child.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

A young boy calls out to his Papá, goes into his room and shakes him awake because it's time to get up and prepare for their day together. Papá leans over, hugs his son and they begin to sing to each other, "Cantemos, cantemos." They smile and laugh while pancakes and eggs are being cooked up in the fry pan. Flip, flip! After breakfast they tightly hold hands and are off for the day's adventure at the park. There are so many things to do in a park, but the first thing he has to do is imagine the whale and jump in a puddle. Of course Papá is more sensible and "steps around them." Papá calls him "Agua Man" (water man) as he lifts him over another puddle. In his mind he is a flying agua man with a cape. They laugh and smile as they play. The little boy gets a boost up into

a tree and imagines that he is flying. He spreads his arms out, but his Papá insists that he be careful. "Cuidado." He sees an imaginary bird in the clouds, but his Papá cannot see it. Very soon it is time to go home. There will be some other very special people waiting for them. Can you guess who it could be? This is a beautiful story about the love between a father and son. Love, as we see it in this book, doesn't have to be spoken, but is rather felt while parents and children spend time together. The father in this book only speaks Spanish, but his young son is bilingual. The vibrant, colorful, swirling artwork is gorgeous and very appealing. There are no translations for the Spanish words, but they are easy to deduce from the text. This is a Pura Belpré Honor Book that any father and son would be proud to add to their shelves!

Papa and Me is a wonderful story about a young boy and his father spending the day together. It shows them going all over town and showing the great bond between a son and his father. One of the things I really enjoyed about this story was that it was in English and Spanish. The author did a great job because he put the Spanish word, and then would repeat the word in English. Reading this to young children would help them learn both languages.

Dorros, Arthur. Papa and Me. Pictures by Rudy Gutierrez. HarperCollins Publishers. 2008. A father and his son spend time together, preparing breakfast, riding a bus, visiting a park, and then going to visit his grandparents. A few Spanish words are included and explained within the text, "Good morning! I call to Papa. Buenos dias, Papa says back to me". The lovely illustrations glow with warmth and brilliant color. The artist plays with perspective, adding palpable movement, and the stylized and elongated shapes and figures lend depth of feeling to an otherwise very simple and brief text: the father bends over his son, one arm clasped around him as they sing together; the son rests one hand on his father's neck. Another illustration shows the father looking both loving and concerned as his son sits on a tree branch, his arms outstretched like he was flying. This is a wonderful tribute to a loving relationship between a father and son. The end papers are sky blue and highlight the bilingual words used in the story. A pronunciation guide would have been a helpful addition.

I'm so happy to have ordered this book, my son loves it. It works great since we are trying to teach our son two languages. He really loves this story! Every time we are at the park he remembers the story. I have to read it to him every night and morning!

The book "Papa and Me" is a story about a day in the life of a little boy and his father and the things they do. In the story the little boy is almost in a competition with his father as they go through their day. I can remember being with my dad when I was younger and trying to outdo him in vain but the bonding is what sticks out in my mind. The pictures are wonderfully drawn and painted and go with the text well.

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