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Book Review

Title: Maria Had A Little Llama/Maria Tenia Una Llamita

Author: Angela Dominguez

Reviewer: Ariel Woodbury

Publisher: Henry Holt

Year: 2013

ISBN: 9780805093339

Pages: 24

Interest Level: Preschool

Rating: Excellent



Review

Maria had a little llama that followed her everywhere! One day it followed her to school and the children loved to play with the llama. The teacher sent him out because it was against the rules to have a llama at school. The llama waited outside for Maria to finish school.

Not only is Mary replaced by Maria and her lamb with a llama, but the entire story has moved to Peru! While the majority of the verse is the same, the illustrations feature a lot of charming Peruvian-inspired illustrations. The style of illustration is also unique: Angela Dominguez uses gouache and ink on Arches watercolor board to create the images. This bilingual book includes the Spanish and English versions of this slightly adapted nursery rhyme on every page.