Niño Wrestles the World

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In Yuyi Morales’ fun-filled NiNo Wrestles The World, NiNo’s playroom transforms into a lucha libre wrestling ring! NiNo goes up against all sorts of challengers, including The Guanajuato Mummy, The Weeping Woman, and the terrifying El Chamuco. They are no match for NiNo, and he is victorious over them all. That is, until his sisters’ nap time is over and he has to face them, the most dangerous opponents of all. Faced with defeat, NiNo decides to join forces with them and they become Los Tres Hermanos. Together, they can face anything.

NiNo Wrestles the World is a fun read that’s sure to make younger kids smile. The book isn’t particularly story driven, nor does it contain a real moral, but that’s made up for with the colorful, loud illustrations that pack a punch. These bright pictures match the playful, exciting tone of the book. Morales celebrates Latin American culture by offering the reader a look into Lucha Libre, a theatrical wrestling style popular in Mexico and other Spanish-speaking countries. The back of the book offers additional information about this style of wrestling. Throughout the book, there are phrases in both English and Spanish, as well as pronunciation guides in the front and back covers. This book provides great representation for an interesting and fun culture that readers might not otherwise be exposed to.