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Book Review

Carlos & Carmen: Over the Fence

Throwing Hula-Hoops is all fun and games until the twins, Carlos and Carmen, accidentally throw one over the fence into the neighbor's yard. Peering through a crack in between the boards of the fence, they discover that a few of their other belongings have somehow made it into the neighbor's yard as well. After fruitless efforts to climb over, go through, or dig under the fence, the twins give up their attempts to get back their belongings. Unaware that a moving truck has arrived next door, new neighbors become the answer to Carlos's and Carmen's dilemma.

The perfect introductory chapter book to a young reader, *Carlos & Carmen: Over the Fence* is an engaging story full of dialogue and play. This series is targeted toward Hispanic-American families. Mixed into their conversation throughout the book, the reader encounters many Spanish words and phrases that are defined in the glossary. This would not only be beneficial to readers who are unfamiliar with Spanish, but it could provide English Language Learners with the chance to expand their English vocabulary. The illustrations are bright and colorful, with varying facial expressions on every page, helping the young reader to identify the mood of the characters.

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Excellent

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Primary

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