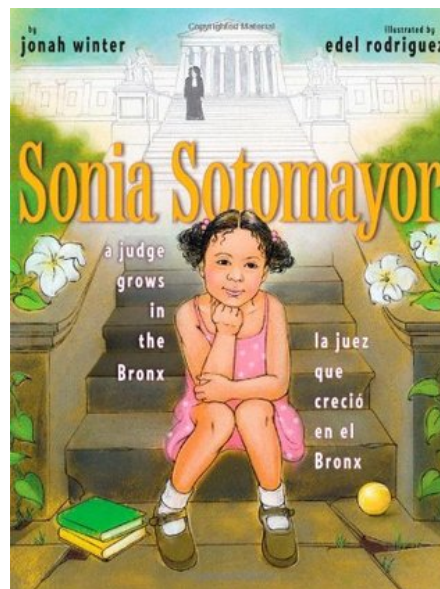




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The inspiring and timely story of Sonia Sotomayor, who rose up from a childhood of poverty and prejudice to become the first Latino to be nominated to the US Supreme Court.

Before Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor took her seat in our nation's highest court, she was just a little girl in the South Bronx. Justice Sotomayor didn't have a lot growing up, but she had what she needed -- her mother's love, a will to learn, and her own determination. With bravery she became the person she wanted to be. With hard work she succeeded. With little sunlight and only a modest plot from which to grow, Justice Sotomayor *bloomed* for the whole world to see.

Antes de que la magistrada de la Corte Suprema Sonia Sotomayor llegara al máximo tribunal de nuestra nación, no era más que una niña en el South Bronx. La magistrada Sotomayor no tuvo mucho durante sus primeros años, pero sí tuvo lo que contaba -- el amor de su madre, la voluntad de aprender y su propia determinación. Con valentía se hizo la persona que quería ser. Con trabajo arduo triunfó. Con un poquito de sol en un solarcito donde crecer, la magistrada Sotomayor floreció para que todo el mundo la vea.

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Sarah McHugh says

“You never know what can happen. Sometimes the most beautiful moonflower blossoms in an unexpected place...on a chain-link fence, near broken glass, next to an abandoned building---watered by someone whose name you might not even know.” This is the beginning of the Sonia Sotomayor biography. Sonia Sotomayor was the first Latin-American Supreme Court Justice in US History. Her life began in the projects of the Bronx where she didn’t have much. She didn’t let her limitations hold her back. With the support and love of her family, a lot of hard work, and determination Sonia was able to overcome many prejudices and become an influential and important person in our American history.

This would be an excellent read aloud in a lower elementary classroom. This could really be read at any time of year but especially during units of study on the government, elections, or presidents. Sonia’s appointment to the Supreme Court by President Barack Obama would pair nicely when studying about the different roles a president plays and how our government is broken up into different branches.

I consider this to be a WOW book because I think it is very timely. It is an excellent example of how anyone can overcome adversity and reach their dreams. The text is written in both English and Spanish. I think this would be very significant to young readers that speak Spanish as their first language. Sonia is a real person that they can learn about that is like them. She is not only a role model specifically to young Latin American students but also to girls in general. Girls can see how they can make their mark on our government and could grow up to be a judge like Sonia. We need more examples like Sonia Sotomayor in texts for the children that we teach to look up to. “There are so many people of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, and Cuban descent adding color to the great garden that is America. Why shouldn’t all these people have someone who understands their lives on the Supreme Court?”

Roy says

Inspirational story of a girl who grew up in the Bronx, like myself. We even went to the same high school (Cardinal Spellman in the house!). My daughter loved the illustration of a young Sonia Sotomayor by Edel Rodriguez. Reminded her a bit of herself, although Sonia has "only" made it as far as the Supreme Court while my daughter plans to be President one day. So what's not to love about this book?

Jordan says

Sonia Sotomayor by Jonah Winter and illustrated by Edel Rodriguez is about a girl who lives in a low-income household in the Bronx. Her mother works two jobs so that Sonia and her brother can go to school and bloom into successful people. Sonia wants to become a judge and this book shows how she became one. She did not only become a judge because of all her hard work and dedication, but a Supreme Court Justice as well. Sonia was the first Latino to ever be nominated for this position. This story is perfect for young girls because it shows how even if you do not have all the money in the world and are in the minority you can still become successful. This story is very inspiring because Sonia had to go through so much to get to where she is today even when people were prejudice towards her.

The book is different from others because it is also written in Spanish. Which might confuse the children, but will make for an interesting reading time to those around the ages of seven or eight. I think it would make the other Latino children feel more welcome in the classroom because you are involving their language and culture. The images are illustrated in such a way that it is easy to follow the story and everything seems to flow together because of a blossoming flower. The style is informal because it explains to the children what everything means and the genres are History, Children's, and drama.

Laura5 says

"There had *never* been a Latin American on the Supreme Court. How strange this was! There are so many people of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, and Cuban descent adding color to the great garden that is America. Why shouldn't all these people have someone who understands their lives on the Supreme Court?"

The text of this book is in both Spanish and English, alternating languages by paragraphs. This does make some of the pages visually very text heavy. But Winter does a nice job of breaking this up with layout and smaller pictures on the most text filled pages.

Good title to use with early grades for biography.

Jill says

Each double-page spread of this book has text both in English and in Spanish. The book tells the story of our first Latin-American Supreme Court justice from the time she was a little girl.

As we learn in an Author's Note at the end of the book (also both in English and in Spanish), Sonia Maria Sotomayor was born on June 25, 1954 to Puerto Rican parents in the South Bronx section of New York City.

When young, Sonia loved Nancy Drew mysteries, but because she got diabetes when she was eight, she figured she could not be a detective herself, but maybe she could be a judge, just like in her favorite television show, "Perry Mason."

She studied hard, and got into Princeton. There she graduated with the highest honors of her class. Oddly, the author then skips the fact that Sonia went on to law school. (She received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1979, where she was an editor at the Yale Law Journal.) Instead, the story takes us immediately from Princeton to her career as a judge.

The author reports that Sonia was a special judge because of her first-hand understanding of poverty and prejudice. Then, the next thing you know in the book, President Obama is inviting her to the White House and nominating her to the Supreme Court. She faced days of tough questions from senators, but she made it:

"Nothing could stop Sonia, the dynamo from the Bronx, from making history as the nation's first Latin-American Supreme Court justice. . . . "

Cuban-born illustrator Edel Rodriguez uses mixed-media illustrations with ink and watercolors in a soft palette. Readers may be more familiar with Rodriguez than they think; he was the artist responsible for the

iconic cover of Der Spiegel magazine on February 4, 2017.

Evaluation: Most of the prose is fairly trite, and as noted above, leaves some odd gaps in Sotomayor's story. While there is some additional information about Sotomayor's career in an Author's Note at the end of the book, it too is incomplete, and pretty much omits why her legal career garnered national attention. Still, it may inspire kids to try to find out more on their own.

Rating: 3.5/5

Selena says

Biography, 2009. Written in both Spanish and English to include and give context for Sonia's past. Shows the up bringing of Sonia as she worked hard to become a judge. Good addition to the classroom as it's multicultural.

Mary Ann says

This biography of Sotomayor, the first Latina Supreme Court justice, features both English and Spanish text on every page. With an upbeat and encouraging tone, Winter clearly attributes Sotomayor's success to her hard work, determination and supportive family.

Stephanie Anze says

"There are uses to adversity and they don't reveal themselves until tested. Whether its serious illness, financial hardship, or the simple constraint of parents who speak limited english, difficulty can tap unexpected strengths." - Sonia Sotomayor

Sonia Sotomayor was a girl that grew up in the Bronx. Limited financially but not in determination, she dreamed about becoming a judge. As she grew up, she focused in school and her education. It payed off as she was able to attend Princeton on scholarship. Though not an easy path, Sonia ultimately did achieve her goal and then some. This is her true and awe-inspiring story.

I love this book! I love that it is aimed at children! I am in awe of the person that inspired it! Recently I read 'The Youngest Marcher' by Cynthia Levinson and was just mesmerized by it (I highly recommmed that book, by the way). In researching books with a similar theme I came across this gem. Its the abridged version of Sonia Sotomayor's story of how she became a Supreme Court Justice Judge. Though its a children's book, it makes quite an impact and I want to put one in the hands of every little girl out there. This book was particularly special to me because being of Hispanic descent, I am proud of this magnificent lady (also Sonia is the name of my mom). With beautiful illustrations and a very well written prose, this book was just amazing. I plan on reading a more detailed book about her life at a later date.

Sonia Sotomayor was born to Puerto-Rican parents, developed diabetes as a child and grew up in the Bronx. Limited in resources and money, she was determined to be a judge so she focused in school. Upon graduating from highschool, she attended Princeton on scholarship. She was one of the few Latina students

there but she left her mark by graduating summa cum laude. From Princeton, she went to Yale Law School. As she gained experience and became a judge, she also made quite a name for herself. For a brief period of time, she taught at Columbia Law school. In 2009, Barack Obama nominated Sotomayor for Supreme Court Justice Judge. She is the first of Hispanic heritage and the third woman to have this honor. Sotomayor joined the likes of Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and (later on) Elena Kagan. The four of them were depicted in a painting that now hangs in the Smithsonian.

Now, this is one impressive crew.

Camila Portocarrero says

Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx is a biography of Sonia Sotomayor who was the first Latin American Supreme Court judge appointed in the nation. The first time I read this book was in my mom's 5th grade class, but I am certain that this book could be read to lower grades from 2nd-5th. This book is written in both English and Spanish which I love because I have never seen many great books written in two languages at schools. This book allows the students to build empathy towards people who might be new to their nation or who might not know anything about their culture and help them to adapt to their new lives in a different country.

I plan to implement this book in my future classroom as a read-aloud. The illustrations are so vibrant, big, and explicit for the students to see. I think this is would be a great choice since it will keep the students engage and I believe all of them will be able to relate back to this book. This book talks about perseverance, hard work, and adapting to new places and I believe most of us have had to do one of the latter at some point even if we haven't noticed it. Another great way to implement this book in my classroom would be by using it to build a lesson around empathy and acceptance. I think it is important for every teacher to touch base with their students on the topic of immigration. Students will most likely be in a classroom with students who have come from other countries, and if they are not, they will eventually meet someone during their lives. Therefore, it is important to talk to students about immigration and the life of an immigrant so that they begin to have more knowledge about the topic.

This is a WOW book for me because it touches on topics that are very dear to my heart and close to who I am in a unique and child-friendly way. I believe that this book will not only touch the hearts of immigrants but it will touch everyone's hearts. Perseverance is one of the main topics of this book and I think it is important to not only talk about it in class but to show it as well. Through the eyes of Sonia Sotomayor, we are able to experience and feel the strength she had to keep going regardless of the circumstances around you which are so encouraging to anyone who reads this book. This is an amazing book and I will just leave my favorite quote from the book here: "Success comes to those who make the most of the chances they are offered in life."

Onesia Thompkins says

Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge grows in the Bronx is a great read! It is a nonfiction written as a story filled with illustrations rather than real pictures. It tells the story of Sonia Sotomayor as a little girl to becoming the first Hispanic supreme court justice and talks about everything she experiences. It is great because it talks about her struggles because of her environment and social status as a child and her issues with having diabetes at 8

years old. It talks about her family dynamic and how her mom was an influential role model because she provided for them alone while also studying to be a nurse. It also talks about her curiosity in becoming a judge. I like that Jonah Winter highlights how she originally wanted to be like Nancy Drew so it's not the cut and dry depict that she always knew what she wanted to become. It also depicts her doing well in school to go to Princeton University but feeling very out of place there and talked about how she was able to adapt and prosper there. It also tells of the process of how she became a supreme court justice. It is written in a language that is easy to understand for students yet it is still able to demonstrate the necessary key take away points.

AnnieM says

Written in English and Spanish. Tells her life story extremely well with the limited amount of space. Her's is a story that the American dream, not the lame white, affluent, male that can overcome "adversity" but growing up poor, proving you can do a good job and be rewarded for it.

Liliana Solorzano says

This book is a great book for children's literature in that it can relate to any student in your class coming from a minority or single parent home. It's a biography on the successful Puerto Rican judge Sonia Sotomayor. The story explains the difficulties she grew up with and overcame, never giving up on her dreams due to her circumstances of being a minority and coming from a lower socio-economical family. This story will allow students that come from similar backgrounds to believe in their dreams in goals without allowing their circumstances to get in the way. In the story, the author compares Sotomayor's life to a beautiful moonflower that blossoms in the less expected places. Thus, immigrants are a lot of times seen as incapable of ever reaching a certain point of success, while this story gives more hope for children who may feel that they cannot succeed. The book is great to share because it is a true story of a well known latina judge.

Dora says

"Sonia Sotomayor, a judge grows up in the Bronx" is a 2010 Americas Award Commended Title recipient. The plot focuses on the struggle of a Latina growing up and succeeding through college and the US courts. It also brings up the topic of prejudice and feelings of inferiority, topics that may ring true for many Latinos, especially those that attend college. This book is a wonderful addition to any classroom library and curriculum as it not only accounts Sonia's life but also the obstacles she faced growing up as a Latina. This book can also be easily paired with informational text about the role of Sonia in the Supreme Court today.

Rachel Freeman says

"Sometimes the most beautiful moon flower blossoms in an unexpected place..."
"Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx" is a children's biography about Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the first Latin-American Supreme Court Justice. This book is a prime example of literature about intersectional identity and serves as a great jumping point to discuss the way someone's various identities can effect their pathway in life on a children's level. What first drew my attention to this book was

the fact that it was written in two languages: English and Spanish: on the top of every page the words are written in English while directly below the Spanish translation is given. Thus, this book would be a great read-aloud if you have English learners in your classroom or Spanish-speaking students, but I would not limit it to only such classrooms. “Sonia Sotomayor” would be an excellent addition to any classroom as it provides exposure to both languages and a diverse leader in our country.

This book balances story telling and facts really well with an excellent explanation for younger children . What I love most about this book is that it focuses on Sotomayor’s childhood and the struggles her mother went through to ensure she had a different future, which allows students to relate to Sotomayor’s story more than if it had placed more focus on her adult years. This book really emphasizes the struggles that both Sotomayor and her mother went through as Latin Americans in the US, which makes it a wonderful book to include for Hispanic History Month. This would also be a great book to discuss diverse families for younger grades, such as Kindergarten and first, as it focuses on the fact that Sotomayor’s mother was a single mom that worked hard to make a better future for her two children. For higher elementary grades, this book serves as a nice introduction to the Supreme Court and its Justices, and would be a great read-aloud addition when learning about the Judicial Branch.

Miss Sarah says

I absolutely loved this Spanish and English picture book biography of Supreme court justice Sonia Sotomayor. The book chronicles her beginnings all the way up to her appointment to the court. Elementary and up
