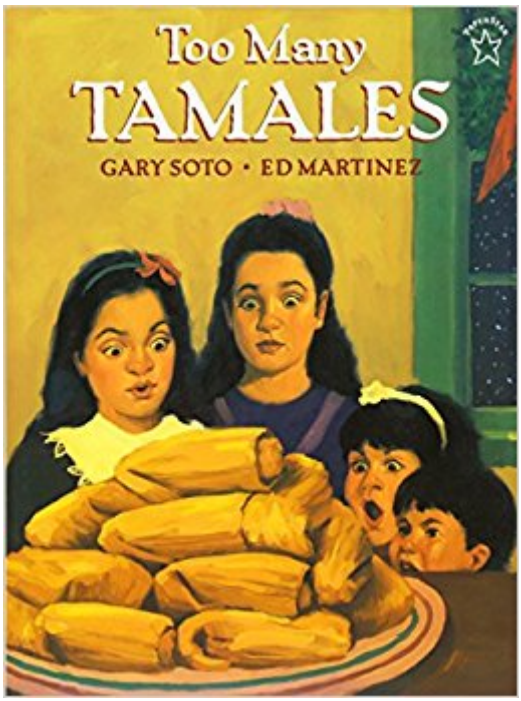
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Too Many Tamales



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Synopsis

Christmas Eve started out so perfectly for Maria. Snow had fallen and the streets glittered. Maria's favorite cousins were coming over and she got to help make the tamales for Christmas dinner. It was almost too good to be true when her mother left the kitchen for a moment and Maria got to try on her beautiful diamond ring . . .This is the story of a treasure thought to be lost in a batch of tamales; of a desperate adn funny attempt by Maria and her cousins to eat their way out of trouble; and the warm way a family pulls together to make it a perfect Christmas after all.

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Customer Reviews

"A very funny story, full of delicious surprises . . . a joyful success." --Booklist, starred review"A warm family story that combines glowing art with a well-written text to tell of a girl's dilemma." --School Library Journal, starred review"A mini-drama rendered so acutely that anyone who has lost something special will respond." --The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

Gary Soto's first book for young readers, Baseball in April and Other Stories, won the California Library Association's Beatty Award and was named an ALA Best Book for Young Adults. He has since published many novels, short stories, plays, and poetry collections for adults and young

people. He lives in Berkeley, California. Visit his website at www.garysoto.com. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I love to read this book to my first graders each December. It is a great book to accompany my Christmas Around the World unit, particularly when studying Mexico. The pictures are warm and inviting. The story provides a strong sense of family and cooperation. It centers around a young girl named Maria, who tries on her mother's ring. Then while making tamales, the ring disappears. Later on, Maria realizes the ring is not on her finger and she believes that it is inside one of the 24 tamales!

Cute story and well told. Not sure there was as clear a message as I might have liked or as much cultural literacy as I'd hoped for. Still, it was clear, honest and fun to read.

Our family loves this book! We checked it out from our local library and soon it was my four year old daughter's favorite. When December rolled around, I checked it out again, bought tamale makings and my four year old and I made cheese tamales. We took them to her pre-school class for snack along with the book. Her teacher read the book to the class and then they all had the tamales that my daughter and I made. It was a huge hit!! Now that she is in kindergarten, we will do it again (I am buying the book since I have two girls and I think this tradition will go on for a while!). Tamales are a really kid friendly activity and it was a great experience for both of us. You should try it!

Just looking at the picture on the cover, you can imagine how the story is going to go.Poor Maria. SUCH a big girl - helping out, wearing lipstick, a dab of perfume... why not wear her mother's ring as well?Why not? Because when you can't find it, you'd BETTER find it. And yes, she tries to find it in the only way possible. By eating every. single. tamale.Even for a picture book, I refuse to spoil the ending. But the ring does (eventually) get found, and the family has a happy holiday regardless.

I really love the inner message of this which is to tell the truth and face always.

This is one of my favorite books of all time- incredible paintings by Martinez make this story! Favorite read aloud and springboard for discussion of multiple topics

Book is a classic, read it when I was younger, and recently purchased it for my cousin. I think she

loved it!

This is a cute story that both teaches culture and an life lessons. I use this in High School and they love it! It is great for doing predictions of outcomes and Q&A. The culture embedded in the story is great, too, it gives them some insight into holidays through a story that is funny and engaging.

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