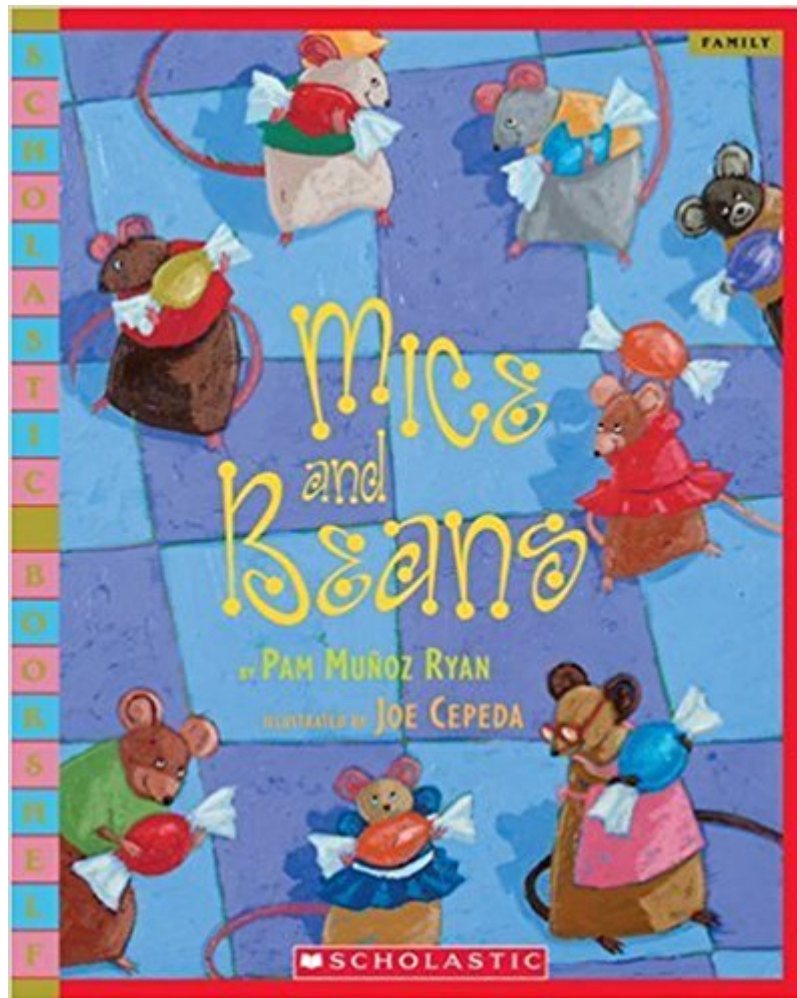




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# Mice And Beans



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## Synopsis

A delicious and funny Mexican feast! Let the Scholastic bookself be your guide through the whole range of your child's experiences--laugh with them, learn with them, read with them.

**Category:** Family Recipe for a Festive Story Time: Mix 1 birthday party, 1 delicious Mexican meal, and lots of children, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins, and surprise guests into a fun romp. Add comic illustrations, jaunty rhythms, and playful refrains. Spice with mystery, and stir everything into a book. Serve aloud to large groups or small. Finally, store leftovers on a shelf in a child's bedroom, library, or classroom. Enjoy!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"When there's room in the heart, there's room in the house, except for a mouse." Those are the words that Rosa MarÃ­a remembers (an old saying from her mother) as she's preparing for the birthday of Little Catalina, her soon-to-be 7-year-old granddaughter. She's hoping to squeeze the entire family into her tiny casita for a fiesta with enchiladas, rice and beans ("no dinner was complete without rice and beans!"), birthday cake, a brand-new swing set, and even a piÃ±ata packed with candy. But in the week before the party, there's so much to keep track of ("I am so busy that I'm forgetting to remember!") that she's just not sure she'll have everything ready. And to top it

off, she keeps forgetting to set mousetraps for all the ratones scurrying around her home... or does she? She might not know it yet, but Rosa MarÃ­a lives with some pretty clever mice. Illustrator Joe Cepeda's forgetful abuelita is a riot as she preps for the party, with her giant red glasses and braided blonde hair like a loaf of bread. Those frisky little rodents also manage to put on quite a show scrabbling around the vibrantly colored casita. Pam Muñoz Ryan's expert timing, rhythmic repetition, and skillfully sprinkled Spanish (with pronunciation glossary in the back) keep the story moving muy rápido, and the party--of course--turns out wonderfully, but with at least one good surprise. Maybe Rosa MarÃ­a misheard her mother's saying about those mice after all. (Ages 4 to 8) --Paul Hughes --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Muñoz's (Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride) rollicking birthday tale stars one Spanish-speaking grandmother, one very long list of party preparations and a band of enterprising mice. Rosa Maria spends all week getting ready for her seven-year-old granddaughter's birthday party, and each day items for the party keep disappearing. So do the mousetraps she sets each evening to ensure the celebration isn't ruined by uninvited guests. Cepeda's (What a Truly Cool World) full-bleed, sun-splashed paintings show with gleeful candor the missing objects being spirited away by resourceful rodents. Shots from the tops of cupboards or two inches off the floor show the busy creatures sneaking back and forth past Rosa Maria's feet as she cooks and cleans in her big earrings and flashy high heels. But the mice redeem themselves by remembering to fill the piñata with candy when it slips the hostess's mind. The dialogue is rich in Spanish phrases ("¡Qué bobada soy! Silly me"), descriptions of Mexican food and images of a boisterous extended family "Where there's room in the heart, there's room in the house even for a mouse," Rosa Maria concludes. Cepeda wraps up this festive volume by showing how the well-meaning vandals have put their loot to use by throwing a mouse party of their own. Ages 4-7. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great

Pleasant story. Nice cadence. Used with 3rd and 4th graders to work on fluency and Spanish vocabulary.

Love this book and in excellent condition.

On time and as advertised, would buy from again! Thanks!

The book is cute, funny, and global. Great for a 4-5 year old who likes birthday parties, animals, and culture!

I like that this story gives a child the adult's perspective on a family party in a fun way. The artwork is so cute!

Great! Was asked for a school by a child and he or she loved it. I can only hope it added to their Xmas enjoyment

I teach middle school special needs students. I often take a day to read a book and get their opinions on the character(s) and their reaction to what he or she did.

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