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"With some advocating an English-only America, this work encourages appreciation for world languages [...]. A friendly approach to the pleasures of multilingualism." - Kirkus Review

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Book Information

Title

Dylan's Birthday Present

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Little Polyglot Adventures
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Summary

Dylan is an American boy like many others. One thing makes him special, though: his parents come from other countries and speak to him in different languages. It's his birthday today and he receives a very unusual present, only to lose it shortly after. Together with his best friend Emma, a sweet bilingual girl born to South African parents, Dylan sets out to find his lost birthday present.

During their search, the two friends learn about the value of friendship, of speaking different languages, and of appreciating one's own as well as others' cultural and linguistic background.

While reading this book, children will learn words in three new languages (audio included) and feel like little polyglots themselves!

Author Bio

A second language learning expert with vast experience in the field, an award-winning author, and a father to two multicultural and trilingual children, Dr. Victor Santos founded Linguacious® with the goal of helping other families and educators worldwide support the learning of other languages in children. He is the author of the multi-award-winning series *Little Polyglot Adventures* and of many other books to help children learn different languages, developer of the award-winning Linguacious vocabulary flashcards in different languages, and is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) and of the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA).

Little Polyglot Adventures (Vol. 1): *Dylan's Birthday Present*

AWARDS:

1st Place: Cultural Diversity (Purple Dragonfly Award, 2020)

1st Place: Best Illustrations (Purple Dragonfly Award, 2020)

1st Place: Outstanding Children's Fiction Illustrated (IAN Book of the Year Awards, 2020)

Winner: Best Children's Picture Book (International Latino Book Awards (2020)

Silver Medal in Children - Concept genre (Readers' Favorite Award, 2020)

Golden Award (Mom's Choice Award, 2020)

Smart Book Award (Academics' Choice, 2020)

Brain Child Book Award (Tillywig Award, 2020)

Honorable Mention: Picture Books 5 & Younger (Purple Dragonfly Award, 2020)

Finalist: Children's Picture Book (American Fiction Awards, 2020)

Select Editorial Reviews of this Book:

"Dylan's Birthday Present is a children's book like no other. It conveys a powerful message of solidarity and inclusion at a time when the world seems to be marked by a rising indifference and fear towards anything or anyone that may be different. This book is a must-read for children (and even adults!) of every age, since it aims at conveying a powerful message of love and against intolerance and racial prejudice."

- *Reedsy Discovery (starred review, Must-Read)*

"With its multifaceted educational opportunities couched in the sweet story of a boy's unusual pet and its possibilities for bringing disparate peoples together, Dylan's Birthday Present provides more than just a good leisure read. It's an opportunity adults can employ to teach children the value of languages, understanding, multiculturalism, and the positive aspects of being multilingual."

- *Midwest Book Review*

"Dylan's Birthday Present is a light educational title that concerns diversity, problem-solving, and a sweet friendship."

- *Foreword Clarion Reviews*

"The author of several books for children on learning new languages, Santos helps introduce the concept of multilingualism in a kid-friendly way, with an engaging [...] plot. A friendly approach to the pleasures of multilingualism."

- *Kirkus Reviews*