

Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match

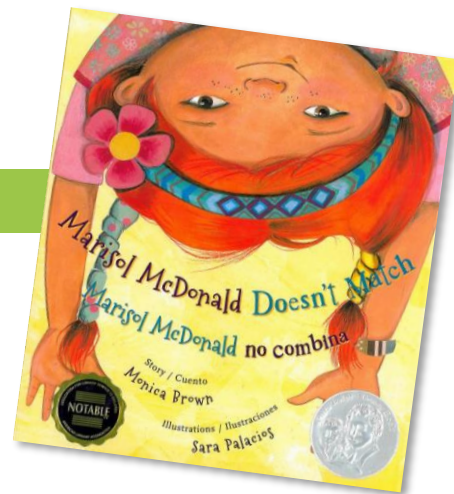
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Hispanic Heritage, Being Yourself

Book Brief: Marisol McDonald has flaming red hair and nut-brown skin. Polka dots and stripes are her favorite combination. She prefers peanut butter and jelly burritos in her lunch box. To Marisol, these seemingly mismatched things make perfect sense together.

Author:
Monica Brown

Illustrator:
Sara Palacios



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Marisol.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "Have you ever felt different before? Explain." (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, listen for what makes Marisol McDonald unique."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What happened when Marisol tried to match? Explain.
- Compare and contrast Marisol and Kitty. Why do you think Marisol chose Kitty as her pet?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Marisol learned that it's okay to be different and "not match." How is Marisol unique? Explain.

Extending Our Thinking: Marisol is unique and true to herself. Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students describe what makes them unique.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.