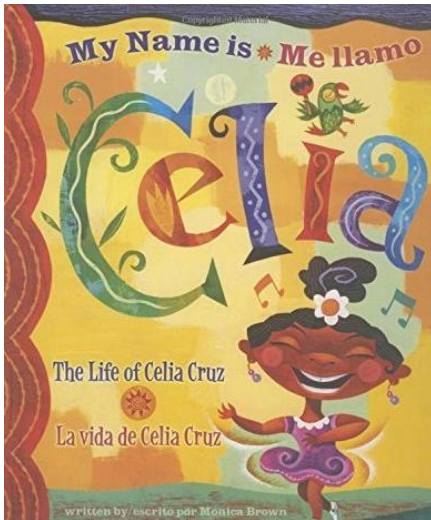




My Name is Celia/Me llamo Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz/la vida de Celia Cruz

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Themes: Cultural Identity, Music, Following Your Dreams

Book Brief: The vibrant true story of Celia Cruz, who grew up singing in Cuba and became the legendary "Queen of Salsa" after moving to the United States!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "What kind of music do you love to listen to? How does it make you feel?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about a real singer named Celia Cruz from Cuba who loved music so much that she helped create a new type of music called salsa. Note that this book is written in both English and Spanish.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What does Celia love to do? How does music make her feel?
- How does Celia's life change when she moves to a new place?
- Describe the music Celia helps create. What is salsa music like?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "How did Celia Cruz share her love of music with the world? What does her story teach us about following our passions?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Have a "Salsa Music Party." Listen to salsa music or other types of cultural music together and dance! Encourage your child to move to the rhythms and notice the different instruments, just like Celia Cruz performed with energy and joy.
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