

Munchkin Reads

KIDS BOOK SUBSCRIPTION & FAMILY BOOK CLUB

STELLA DIAZ HAS SOMETHING TO SAY



CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Author Angela Dominguez was born in Mexico City, raised in Texas and currently lives on the East Coast. How do you think her childhood influenced her to write this book?
- Jenny and Stella are best friends, but they aren't in the same class this year. What are some ways Stella can make new friends?
- Ms. Le and Stella's mom are both called "strong." What does it mean to be a strong mom?
- How are Stella and Frida Kahlo like starfish?

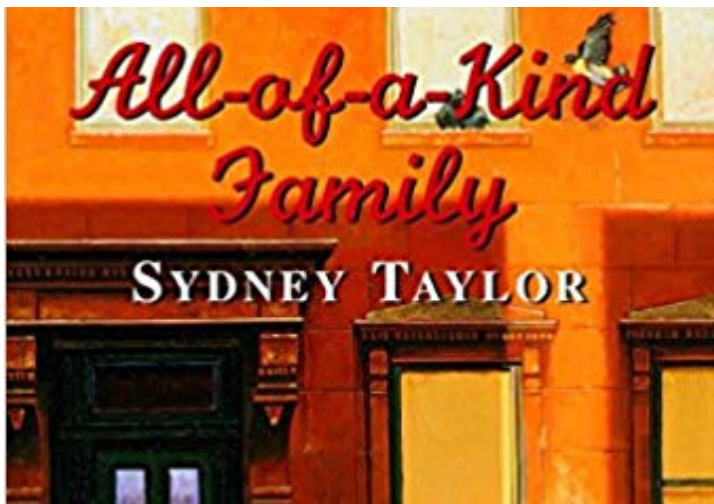


PLOT SUMMARY

Stella Diaz loves a lot of things: marine life, dancing, her mom's "e-spaghetti" and hanging with her mom, brother and best friend Jenny. Stella also likes her new friend Stanley, but she turns roja whenever she tries to speak to someone new and sometimes jumbles English and español.

Now Stella needs to present her animal research to her class - will she get the confidence she needs? This book considers what it means to belong and to have the courage to be yourself. Readers may relate to struggling to use their voices - inside and outside of class.

This novel also raises the issues of bullying, divorce and immigration (Stella is a legal alien with a green card who moved from Mexico to a suburb of Chicago). Lots of opportunities for conversation.



PLAY GLOBE TOSS GEOGRAPHY

Stell has lived in two countries in her life. Put the globe in your child's hands with this game requiring just a beach ball & a marker.

Directions:

- Blow up the beach ball.
- Using the marker, have your child draw the globe, using the outline of the continents.
- Let it dry.
- Stand 10 ft away from an adult
- Catch and say where the hand is touching.
- Extra challenge- depending where it lands, have a student state a fact (the Alps are in Switzerland; there are 50 states in the US).

IF YOU LIKE STELLA DIAZ FINDS HER VOICE...

- All-of-a-Kind Family by Sydney Taylor
- Women Who Dared by Linda Skeers
- Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai



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CREATIVE WRITING FOR KIDS

Write a diary entry as Stella. Imagine what you learned this year and how you changed.
Use Spanish and English words.

