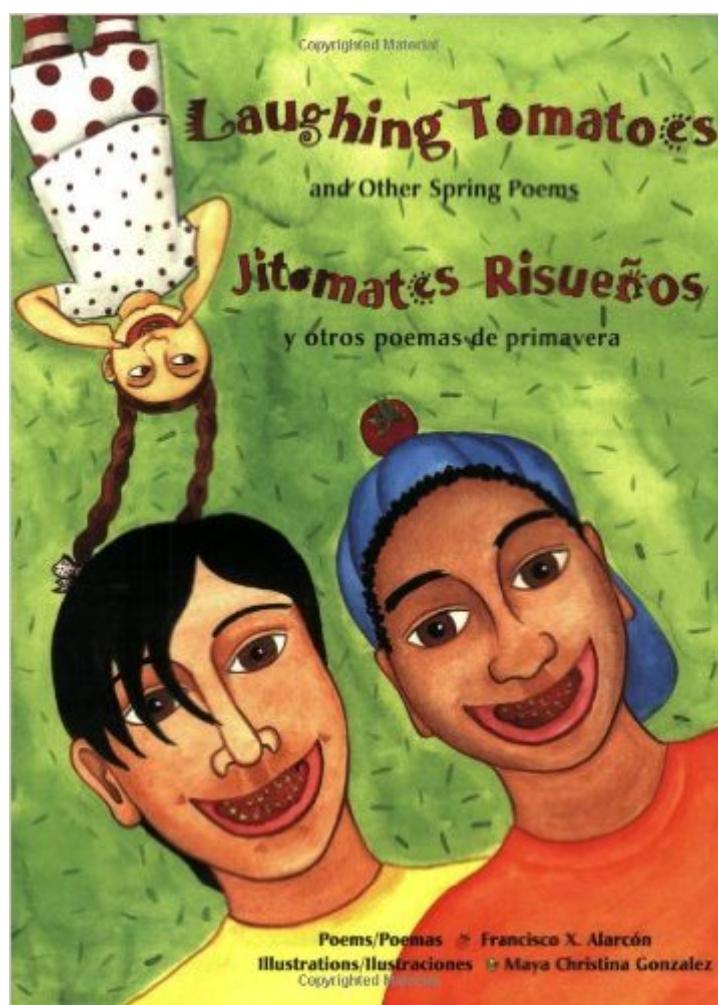


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# Laughing Tomatoes: And Other Spring Poems / Jitomates Risuenos: Y Otros Poemas De Primavera (The Magical Cycle Of The Seasons Series)



## Synopsis

Tomatoes laugh, chiles explode, and tortillas applaud the sun. With joy and tenderness, delight and sadness, Frances X. Alarcón's poems honor life and nature: welcoming the morning sun, remembering his grandmother's songs, paying tribute to children working in the fields, and dreaming of a world filled with gardens. Artist Maya Christina Gonzalez invites readers to experience the poems with her lively cast of characters - including a spirited grandma, four vivacious children, and playful pets who tease and delight. Follow them from page to page as they bring each poem to colorful life. Laughing Tomatoes is a verbal and visual treat, giving readers eighteen opportunities to see everything for the first time.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 11 years

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## Customer Reviews

As a bilingual teacher I was thrilled to discover such a wonderful book. It can be compared to Carmen Lomas Garza's book, Family Pictures. The author, Francisco X. Alarcon weaves cultural, historical, spiritual and nature themes into poems that sing from the page, touch the soul and even inspire reflection. Each poem shares a snapshot of life - bringing back some of my personal memories. The bright, colorful illustrations by Maya Gonzalez complement the poems and further bring them to life with a Latin flair. My sixth grade students enjoyed this as well as my four year old

nephew. I am sure it will become a timeless treasure in everyone's library.

My third grade students loved this book! Only a handful are English language Learners but all the kids got a kick out of the gorgeous illustrations and the fun poetry. We read the poems together in both English and Spanish and the kids had fun painting their own impressions of the poetry. I strongly recommend this book for any K - 6 classroom!

Laughing Tomatoes makes my toes wiggle for a future of multi-lingual literature for the world, - children, to begin with; it's a way to foster mutual understanding, appreciation and tolerance between and among different people. Alarcon's words in English and Spanish are charming, age-appropriate for first readers, and the illustration art follows suit, with layouts that keep your eyes in play on every page. Mil Gracias/ A million thanks.

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