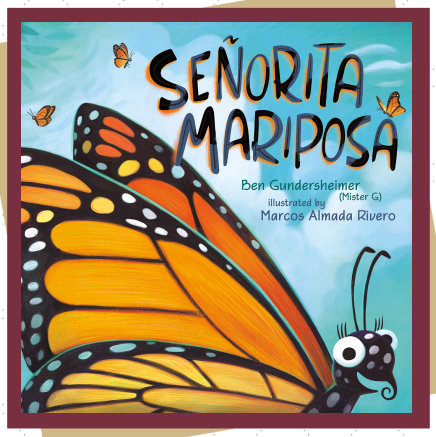

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Senorita Mariposa by Ben Gundersheimer (Mister G)

Book Summary

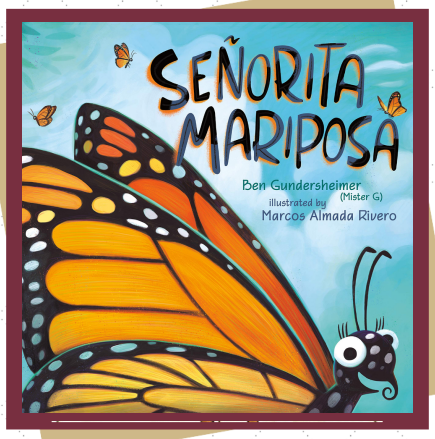
At the end of each summer, monarch butterflies leave Canada to fly south to Mexico for the winter. This book allows the reader to come along for the ride! Over mountains capped with snow, to the deserts down below. Children will be delighted to share in the fascinating journey of the international travelers and be introduced to the people and places they pass before they finally arrive in the forests that their ancestors called home.

Before Reading the Story

- Discuss what you see on the cover of the book.
- Make predictions on what the story may be about.
- Do you like butterflies? What is your favorite color of butterflies? Where have you seen butterflies?
- On YouTube, search "Monarch Butterfly: Amazing Animals". What do you notice about them?
- Before reading the story, listen to the "Senorita Mariposa" song, by Mister G, on Youtube.

Target Vocabulary

- **capped**: a part that forms the top of something
- **desert**: an area of very dry land that is usually covered with sand and is very hot
- **journey**: an act of traveling from one place to another
- **miracle**: a very amazing or unusual event, thing, or achievement
- **admire**: to feel respect for someone or something
- **fiesta (fee-est-ah)**: Spanish for a public celebration



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During the Story

- Read the book aloud with the pictures facing your child.
- Make predictions about the story based on the pictures.
- Provide definitions and connections for any of the target vocabulary words that may be unfamiliar.
- Have your child repeat the words that they do not know.
- Relate the details in the story to events and experiences in your everyday life.
- Ask questions throughout the story to help your child understand what's being read.

After Reading the Story

- Have your child retell the story in their own words using the pictures.
- Using materials available (e.g. paper, pencils, markers, crayons), create a picture of your own a "Señorita Mariposa".
- Discuss three places you see the butterfly pass in the story.
- In Spanish we say: Señorita Mariposa. What does it mean in English (look inside the book)?
- What are the **differences** between the monarch caterpillars and the monarch butterflies?

Example Questions to Ask

- Señorita Mariposa, Tú eres muy _____. Señorita Mariposa, you're so _____.
- Where are the butterflies going?
- Why do you think Señorita Mariposa is traveling to a new place?
- What animals say goodbye to the little butterfly?
- Señorita Mariposa travels from Canada to Mexico. If you were a butterfly, where would you want to fly?