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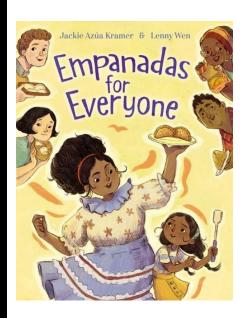
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Carina joins her Tía Mimi every Saturday to make empanadas. As she makes her way to her aunt's apartment, she is amazed by all the different music and dances she sees on her way. Variety is everywhere, just like in the empanadas. Empanadas look like turnovers and have many different fillings. Carina loves the chicken and beef empanadas she helps her Tía cook. When she reaches the apartment, Carina finds a note from her aunt telling her to go buy the ingredients they need. She will come later to help cook. This morning her Tía Mimi is at the Meal Center to help cook for needy families. While going to the different stores, Carina notices all the different types of empanadas in the different markets according to their nationality and the variety of ingredients. They look the same, but they taste different. She learns about samosas, patties, mandu, pierogies, and dumplings. Tía Mimi is late, and Carina decides to take her the empanadas she made. Her neighbors join her to bring the volunteers a nice snack with all the different kinds of empanadas.

The author's note gives additional information about the different foods. Back material also includes a recipe for Puerto Rican empanadas. Many Spanish phrases are used throughout the book with English translations.



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This book is an excellent addition to your library.

