

LORGNETTE

Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

Author

Sauer, Tammi

Illustrator

Illustrated by Fernando Martin

Reviewer

Carruth, Leah

Pages

Unpaged

Price

\$18.99

ISBN

978-1-5344-9603-3

Publisher & Date

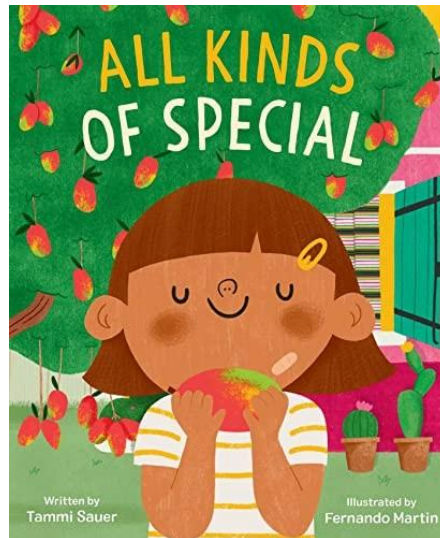
Paula Wiseman/Simon & Schuster, 2023

Classification

Fiction

Grade Level

PreK-2



Book Review: ALL KINDS OF SPECIAL

What makes every day special for you? Mia shares her special items, and her new fact is that she and her mom have a house with eleven windows and five rooms. Their old apartment was very special, but the new place has a mango tree. She props on her window each day, watching for mangos, and has almost given up until she sees a ripe one. Now her new favorite fact is that their tree made a mango. After waiting for it to ripen the rest of the way in a brown paper sack, the first bite tastes, feels, smells, and looks like summer. Now a problem arises. There are too many mangos to eat. A new favorite fact: free mangos. Neighbors come over for mangos, provide recipes, pick the fruit, and make new friends.

The digitally rendered illustrations provide additional enjoyment of this book. Each object seems to have a different yet simple texture, which provides some dimension to the story. The double-page spreads are full of color and are balanced well. One example is when Mia picks the first mango. The tree is large on the left page, spreading over to the right page, and the reader is looking down at Mia reaching to pick from the tree while her mom



Heart of Texas Literature
Center

Children's and Young Adults' Books



holds onto her. Shadows are most noticeable on the pages that show the neighbors enjoying the mangos and the company. The simple illustrations and embedded text work well for reader enjoyment.

