

LORGNETTE

Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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Book Review: ESPERANZA CARAMELO, THE STAR OF NOCHEBUENA

Esperanza, a sugar figurine, lives in a pasteleria (bakery), and on the night of Nochebuena (Christmas Eve) she comes alive by magic. With her magic, she brings to life the different figurines on a Christmas cake. There is a singer, a couple dancing, a guitar player, a violinist, and several others. They are having a party until a cat shows up and jumps on the table. The cat causes quite a bit of damage, but Esperanza and the figurines work together to put everything back together. All is done when the sun comes up and all is well. However, the baker is sure some magic has occurred in her shop.

The picture book is beautifully illustrated in vibrant colors to add to the magic of the story. Add this book to your holiday collection.

