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Book Review: WATER DAY

As soon as we get out of bed each morning, most of us have direct access to potable water through our faucet. What if you did not have access to clean water daily? Many places around the world do not have access to clean water and have to create new ways to receive water. The water helps them bathe, wash, water plants, cook, and other tasks. This book teaches readers how one neighborhood receives water. A water man delivers water to the neighborhood with the help of a truck or wagon-drawn tank. A woman then delivers the fish that will eat mosquito larvae trying to survive in the water. The family can now bathe, boil water to drink, and water the plants a bit until the water man can bring water again in about a week.

Water is a luxury not everyone has. This book shows one way people receive water to survive and how joyful the day is. The illustrations show the emotions that come with this day, bringing the story closer to life for the reader. A traditional Cuban neighborhood is reflected through architecture, culture, and climate. The author includes a substantial note at the back of the book explaining the significance of access to water. Many places in the world go without clean water that is easily accessible. Personal connections to water crises and details like the fish that help control the mosquito larvae help make the issue real.

