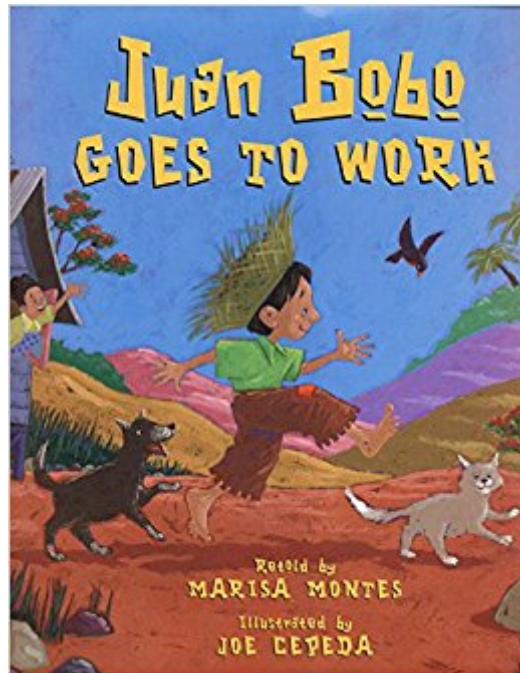




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Juan Bobo Goes To Work: A Puerto Rican Folk Tale



Synopsis

What can you do with a boy who tries to do things right but only leaves disaster in his wake?

Laugh--that's what! Readers everywhere will love to laugh at the hilarious antics of the ever-blundering Juan Bobo, Puerto Rico's most celebrated folk character. In this rollicking Juan Bobo tale, our hero sets out to find work at the farm and the grocery. Although the tasks are simple and the directions couldn't be clearer, he always finds a way to bungle things up as only a character whose name means "Simple John" could!

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3-Juan Bobo, the Puerto Rican equivalent of Foolish Jack, can't seem to get anything right. Sent off by his mother to find work, he causes one disaster after another, and manages to lose or destroy his payment in a variety of amusing ways. As luck would have it, one of the boy's misadventures brings laughter to the rich man's daughter, and Juan at last receives compensation that he can hold on to. Montes tells her story well, but Cepeda's illustrations steal the show. Using his distinctive, vibrantly colored acrylics, the artist creates a character whose innocence, confusion, and contrition are endearing. The text is heavily peppered with Spanish phrases, but a glossary and an author's note are included. Another lively addition to folktale

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Ages 3-8. In this Puerto Rican parallel to *Lazy Jack*, Juan Bobo has the same problems with coins, milk, cheese, and other payments as his English counterpart. When Juan makes the rich girl laugh, however, her father repays him with a ham every Sunday. This altered ending fits the setting but occurs abruptly. Otherwise, the funny, well-paced retelling smoothly incorporates Spanish words and phrases. Most are easily understood in context, but an appended glossary provides pronunciations as well as definitions. An author's note adds cultural background about Juan Bobo but cites no specific source for the story. Using bold, bright Caribbean colors, Cepeda's oil paintings amplify Juan's silliness and charm. Brush strokes add texture, and background details establish the Puerto Rican setting. An obvious candidate for multicultural units, this will be popular wherever children love to laugh. Linda Perkins Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

I actually have not read the book yet, but I can report on my daughter's class reaction. After a teacher read the book to the kids, the kids were so happy with it that they begged her to lend it to them so they could take it home. As might be imagined, the book disappeared. I believe that's the fate of crowd-pleasing kids books. I wanted to support the teacher in lending her books, so I bought this for her as a replacement copy. I look forward to reading this myself.

loved this book

My school was having an international celebration and our class was chosen to represent Puerto Rico. Of all the Puerto Rican stories and tales that we learned about this story stood out the most. The entire class loved Juan Bobo and his antics. They laughed, yelled, and applauded through the story. Needless to say, we read over and over. That was 3 years ago and my former students still remember this story. I read it every year and each class loves it. I love it too! It's a funny story with meaning and a great ending! Viva Juan Bobo!

This book is a beautifully written and illustrated book with many full-page and very colorful illustrations. The book size is approximately 9-1/2 inches by 11 inches and so is a good size for young ones to be able to handle easily. Yet, it is not heavy to handle; it has approximately 30 pages

and won the Silver Pura Belpre Honor Book award. I highly recommend this book. I received this book in record time from the vendor and highly recommend them as well.

the silly Juan Bobo, is so innocent he does it again time after time, it warms my heart to read old folk lore.

The book is excellent! Everyday Juan Bobo does his best to try and help his mother but somehow is never able to do things correctly. The book provides an immensity of moments to laugh with Juan Bobo's occurrences. I really enjoyed the book's landscape and cultural snippets of Puerto Rico. I bought the book because I am building my collection on Puerto Rico's Children's Literature and had to buy another copy for my niece and nephew.

I recall with fondness these stories told to me by my Puerto Rican mother over 60 to 70 years ago. They are sweet and have a morale to their stories as well as delightful photos. I now love giving these books to young children learning Spanish.

The story is really sweet with a nice message. My son loved the silliness of Juan Bobo. I was looking for a book that I could introduce this classic character to him and this was a great choice. I also read it to his daycare class and they really liked it.

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