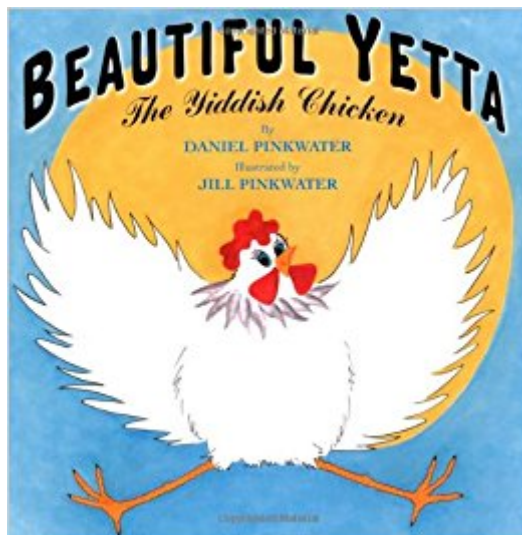


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Beautiful Yetta: The Yiddish Chicken



Synopsis

Yetta, beautiful Yetta, manages to escape from the butcher's shop. But now she is lost in Brooklyn—a strange place filled with rude rats and dangerous buses! Oh, dear! But then, brave Yetta saves a small green bird from a sneaky cat, and his friends, the wild parrots of Brooklyn, are very grateful. Muchas gracias, gallina hermosa! mooCHAS grahSEEas, gahYEE na ehrMOsa! Thank you very much, beautiful chicken! Has beautiful Yetta found her new home? Inspired by real events, this multilingual story is a witty, warm, and wonderful read-aloud for any age.

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Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2 "As Mr. Flegleman, an organic chicken rancher, unloads his crates in front of Phil's Poultry World, one brave and clever fowl, determined not to become Friday night's dinner, manages to escape. Unfortunately, beautiful Yetta is homesick and lonely in Brooklyn. The rats and pigeons tell her to get lost, and she almost gets hit by a bus. When she saves a little green bird, Eduardo, from a cat, she gains new friends and a family among the parrots on the telephone wires, and they teach her how to find fruit and crusts of pizza. While the narration is in English, Yetta's dialogue is in Yiddish, and the parrots speak Spanish (both with English translations and transliterations). The

comical marker and ink illustrations enhance the text, but, without the language gimmick, there isn't much to the story. However, this would make for an entertaining reader's theater, especially with authentic Yiddish and Spanish accents. And dedicated fans of the Pinkwaters will appreciate the offbeat, wry humor, as will those interested in the many urban legends surrounding Brooklyn's flocks of wild parrots. Unlike Dave Horowitz's *Five Little Gefiltes* (Putnam, 2007) and Simms Taback's *Kibitzers and Fools* (Viking, 2005), which introduce children to the joys of Yiddish, the Pinkwaters' offering may have trouble reaching a wide audience. Rachel Kamin, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, Highland Park, IL

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With wry humor, this multilingual picture book tells the story of a brave chicken, Yetta. Determined that she will not be soup, she escapes from a delivery crate and runs into the streets of Brooklyn. The bright images, highlighted against plenty of white space, contrast small Yetta with the towering skyscrapers of her new urban landscape. She misses her farm home as she tries to avoid huge buses and tough mice, and she gets no help from the city birds. Then she saves a little green parrot from a pouncing cat, and the wild parrots who witness the act welcome her and show her how to find food. Yetta speaks Yiddish (*gevaht!*), and her speech is printed in both Hebrew and English alphabets with the English translation. The rich language mix does not stop there, though. The parrots speak Spanish, and their dialogue, shown in italics, includes a pronunciation guide. A warm twist on the immigration story that celebrates the richness of urban diversity. Preschool-Grade 2.

--Hazel Rochman

This is a fun book. Yetta was doomed to become dinner at Phil's Poultry World, but she escapes into the streets of New York. In this foreign world, she meets mice, pigeons a cat, before being be-friended by a flock of Spanish-speaking parrots. Yetta speaks in Yiddish, which is both translated in English and transliterated. Daniel Pinkwater's charming story (you can hear his voice in the words) is beautifully illustrated by Jill Pinkwater. This is a great book for early readers, or pre-readers as well.

I sent this book to my granddaughter, who lives in Brooklyn, for Hannukah. She is an adult but I knew she'd love it just as I did. Now she's on a search for the "famous" Brooklyn parrots. What fun! I cannot imagine anyone not liking this book. To my mind it is one of Pinkwater's absolute best! And believe me I've read a lot of them. I've got four kids and eight grandchildren! The intermingled

languages are a wonderful idea. My grandkids and I are so happy Daniel and Jill Pinkwater wrote about Yetta. She's a perfect joy!

You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy "Yetta." I had heard the author read the story aloud on NPR and enjoyed the humor and multicultural flavor of the text. It is an imaginative slice of urban life. Upon purchasing the book, I found the colorful illustrations delightful. So far I've shared the book with Yiddish speaking adults and Spanish speaking toddlers, and both groups have really enjoyed it. A nice addition to a child's library.

I mailed this today for giving it to my grand niece for her 1st birthday. I think her family will enjoy reading it to her.

Beautiful story. Very well told. Engages young listeners and readers from the very young to seniors. Love the multilingual dialogue! Have bought multiple copies to gift.

I cant say enough good things about this book. It's great story, perfect for brooklyn kids (its geo-specific) and has spanish and yiddish and english, all transliterated for the non-languaged adult :) I love it and so does my kid. and his class. and every other person i show it to.

Great Book, A+++++

This book is adorable! a family favorite. we lost it and replaced it because we loved it so much. perfect for any family that has spanish, english and yiddish speakers.

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