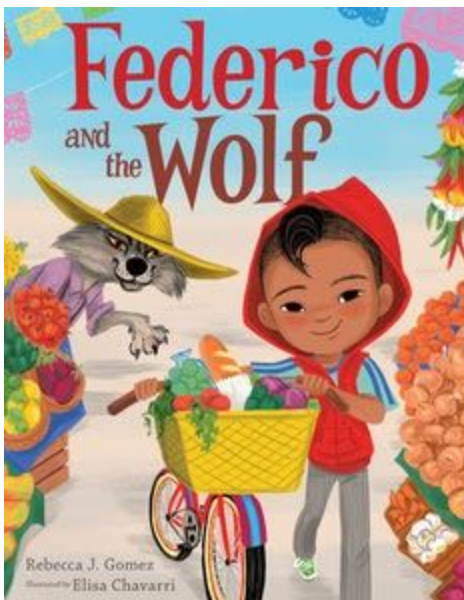




Rebecca J. Gomez & Elisa Chavarri



Rebecca Gomez co-authored two picture books with Corey Rosen Schwartz, *What About Moose* and *Hensel and Gretel: Ninja Chicks*. She lives in Nebraska with her husband, their three kids, two poodles, and a parrotlet.



Elisa Chavarri is a freelance illustrator originally from Lima, Peru. She did much of her growing up in Northern Michigan where she now resides with her husband, 6yr old Lucia, and 3yr old Marcel. Elisa graduated with honors from The Savannah College of Art and Design, where she majored in Classical Animation and minored in Comics.

Clever Federico outsmarts el lobo in this fresh and funny Mexican-American take on Little Red Riding Hood. With his red hoodie on and his bicycle basket full of food, Federico is ready to visit Abuelo. But on the way, he meets a hungry wolf. And now his grandfather bears a striking resemblance to el lobo. Fortunately, Federico is quick and clever—and just happens to be carrying a spicy surprise! Federico drives the wolf away, and he and Abuelo celebrate with a special salsa. Recipe included.

RRS connection to TEKS: Please refer to TEKS for English Language Arts and Reading

- *Comprehension skills*
- *Response skills*
- *Author's purpose and craft*
- *Composition I: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process.*
- *Composition II: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres*
- *Inquiry and research*

Vocabulary:

- Mexican American
- Folktale
- Fairy tale
- Modern time
- Ingredients
- Recipe
- Pico de gallo
- Lucha libre (Federico's bag)
- Grocery list
- Marketplace
- Words in Spanish [at the end of story]

Pre-reading engagement:

- What does an author do? Think about the title of the book? What does it tell us about the story? What do you think the story is about?
- What does an illustrator do? Look at the artwork. What do you see? How does the artwork make you feel?
- Ask your librarian to help you find more information about folktales/ stories with wolves. How many folktale wolves can you think of? Which one is your favorite?
- Make a drawing of what you think will happen in this story? Share your ideas with someone at home or with a friend.
- Learn a little about Rebecca J. Gomez and Elisa Chavarri. Find another book written or illustrated by them.

While/ post reading engagement:

- The story is written in both English and Spanish. Show off your bilingual superpowers and write a little about yourself using this style of writing.
- What does the name Federico mean? What does your name mean?
- Describe the setting, characters, plot, theme, conflict, and style of this story. You can also make a drawing to show these parts of a folktale. Or create an anchor chart to show what you've learned so far.
- Pretend you are a marketplace vendor. What would you sell? Why?
- Do you like to cook? What's your favorite recipe? Do you know the difference between salsa and pico de gallo?

- Use playdough to make a wolf or you can also make a drawing of *lobo*. Don't forget to add a yellow hat.
- What happened to abuelo's clothing? Make a drawing of what happened when lobo arrived at abuelo's store. Make a drawing of this missing page in the book.
- Can you think about a different ending to this classic? Change the ending to give the *lobo* some much needed help and love.
- Write in your journal: Federico is: _____ . You can also write about *lobo* or *abuelo*.
- You can create an anchor chart outlining the elements of this story: Setting, characters, plot, conflict, theme, and point of view.
- Don't forget to think about questions you would like to ask Rebecca and Elise. Make a [digital] drawing or banner that you can share with them during their virtual visit.

Useful links:

- Publisher's website: [Federico & the Wolf](#)
- Author's website: <http://www.rebeccajgomez.com/>
- Illustrator's website: <http://www.elisachavarri.com/>
- Kirkus Review: [Read a Review](#)
- Read aloud: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJHZErfWK8>
- JCCA NY read aloud: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPm9pyKfJRk>
- School Library Journal: <https://www.slj.com/?reviewDetail=federico-and-the-wolf>
- Latinx folktales: <https://www.colorincolorado.org/booklist/folk-tales-and-legends-hispanic-heritage>