



### *Me and Mama* by Cozbi A. Cabrera

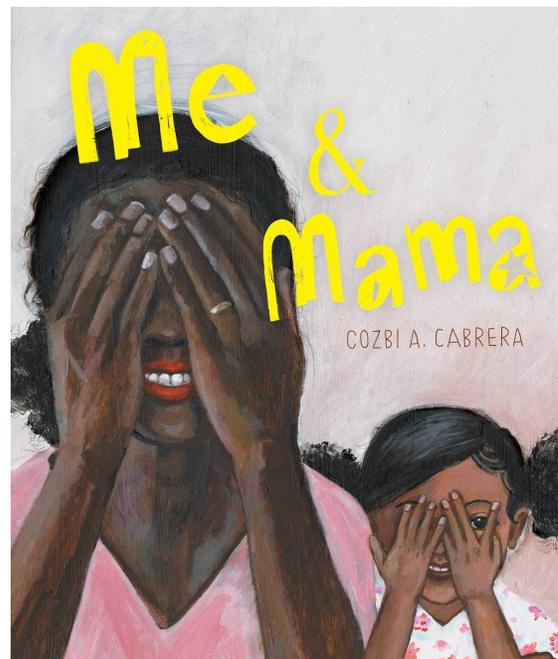


Cozbi A. Cabrera received a BFA from Parsons School of Design. Her cloth dolls (Muñecas) have garnered the attention of collectors around the world and have been featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. She is the illustrator of several books, including the picture book *Beauty, Her Basket*, which *Publishers Weekly* called “a quiet treasure” in a starred review. Her work is featured in her eponymous shop and atelier in Brooklyn. She lives in New York City. To learn more about Cabrera, please visit her at [Cozbi.com](http://Cozbi.com).

Mama’s love is brighter than the sun, even on the rainiest of days. This celebration of a mother-daughter relationship is perfect for sharing with little ones!

On a rainy day when the house smells like cinnamon and Papa and Luca are still asleep, when the clouds are wearing shadows and the wind paints the window with beads of water, I want to be everywhere Mama is.

With lyrical prose and a tender touch, *Mama and Me* is an ode to the strength of the bond between a mother and a daughter as they spend a rainy day together.



**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 (Writing)*
- *Composition II (Genres)*
- *Inquiry and research*

**Relevant Vocabulary:**

- Black joy
- Intergenerational love & knowledge
- Motherhood
- Simile / metaphor
- Morning routine
- Rainy day
- Nature
- Neighborhood
- Colorful
- Family
- Community Cultural Wealth

**Pre-reading engagement:**

- What does an author do? What does an illustrator do?
- Think about the title of this book and its cover illustration. How does it make you feel? What does it make you think about?
- Now look at the back cover of the book. Name the objects illustrated and have a discussion about why the author/illustrator chose to put these here? What predictions can you make about the book?
- Look for information about the author. What did you learn about the kind of things she loves to do and what inspires her?

**While/post reading engagement:**

- What kind of attitude does the little girl have towards rain? Why?
- What similarities and differences do you see between the little girl and her mama? Make a list!
- Make a text to self connection! Turn and talk to someone near you about the ways in which you are similar to and/or different from one of your family members.
- What kinds of things does the little girl learn from her mama?
- How do you like to spend your rainy days? Create a plan for what you want to try next time you get rained in with your loved ones.
- In the book, Mama likes to sing to her daughter. Imagine you are in the story with them: what do these songs sound like?
- What kinds of thoughts make it easy for the little girl to have sweet dreams?
- Show and tell! Bring in an object from home that reminds you of someone special.

- Create an anchor chart outlining the elements of this story: Setting, characters, plot, conflict, theme, and point of view.
- Get ready for your author visit by making a drawing of this book to share with Cozbi. You can also think about a question that you can ask her.

**Useful links:**

- Author's website: <http://www.cozbi.com/whats-new>
- Book Q&A with author: <http://deborahkalbbooks.blogspot.com/2018/08/q-with-cozbi-cabrera.html>
- Buzzsprout Interview: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1258409/5965144-7-we-all-have-a-voice-interview-with-cozbi-a-cabrera>
- Kirkus Reviews: <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/cozbi-a-cabrera/me-mama/>
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