



El viaje de Catalina

I hope to open your mind to a realm of beautiful magic and adventure. This children's book is made for kids who crave fantasy and enchantment. My intention is to teach children the wonders of mystical forests, and to bring attention to the importance of self-worth. I thoroughly believe that children must be exposed to fantasy because it not only widens their perceptions but it teaches them to look for wonder in everyday life. I hope that they carry this wonder and excitement with them in every aspect of their lives. Children who think creatively make little wonders of their own, and I believe this to be important for not only them but the world. This book is for children ages 8 to 11, but of course, a person of any age can get enjoyment out of it. I use Spanish and English as a way of connecting children who have a language barrier. This brings a sentiment of understanding of different cultures to the child, and my hope is that these children change the world for the better.

Being a soon-to-be fairy queen at the age of 11, Catalina has been practicing the duties she will have when she is in power. The town loves her and thinks she will be a great queen. However, she knows that she will have to deal with some trouble. Her family lost a special diamond many years ago. This diamond protects the fairy village from the poison that escapes from the creek. Its powers create a shield that covers the whole town. The diamond needs to be taken to a magic waterfall every ten years to heal the damage it sustains and protect the village. If the diamond is not placed in the water, the magic waterfall will be destroyed, leaving the village helpless. Catalina knows that this cannot happen, so she goes on a journey to find it.

Catalina es una princesa de hadas muy hermosa que vive en una ciudad pequeña pero con mucha cultura.

Vive con su madre en una casa de hadas. Hacen comidas calientes para otras hadas sin hogar y le dan mucha ayuda al vecindario. Son una pieza importante del pueblo. El pueblo ve a

Catalina perfecta porque es la heredera del arroyo. Pero lo que ellos no saben es que tiene un secreto que podría cambiar la vida del pueblo para siempre.



Catalina approaches the whimsical forest, a place that is filled with many wonders and mysteries. Because so little information is known about the forest, the local fairies do not understand what goes on in its depths. Catalina finds herself scared, yet she is confident that she can help her village find the diamond. It is a family custom to let the soon-to-be queen go on any adventure that involves the town. Even though she is so young, she is sure that she can find the diamond. Along on her journey, she brings her pet cat Oswald.



Cuando Catalina se acerca al bosque, se llena de emociones encontradas. Su gato negro la consuela. El polvo de hadas que sale de su pelaje llena su aura. Esto la calma mientras el dulce olor a hogar proveniente de su polvo de hadas la cubre de felicidad. Catalina mira debajo de las rocas, trepa por grandes ramas y lanza hechizos reveladores para descubrir el diamante. Aún así, con todos sus esfuerzos no tiene suerte. Se siente derrotada, ya que se marcha sin nada. Continúa al siguiente lugar.



Catalina brings her cat to the garden with her in search of the diamond. The pink trees shine in the bright light of the sun. She sees a little hut by the water where her mother brought her for her first birthday. She can't remember it, of course, but her mother talks about it all the time. She even tells it as a bedtime story for her to have sweet dreams filled with love and happiness.

Los árboles brillan de forma misteriosa. Catalina, curiosa, se sube a los árboles y comienza a sacudir las ramas. Espera que el diamante se caiga del árbol para poder salvar su aldea. Catalina se da cuenta que está equivocada y abandona el jardín derrotada.



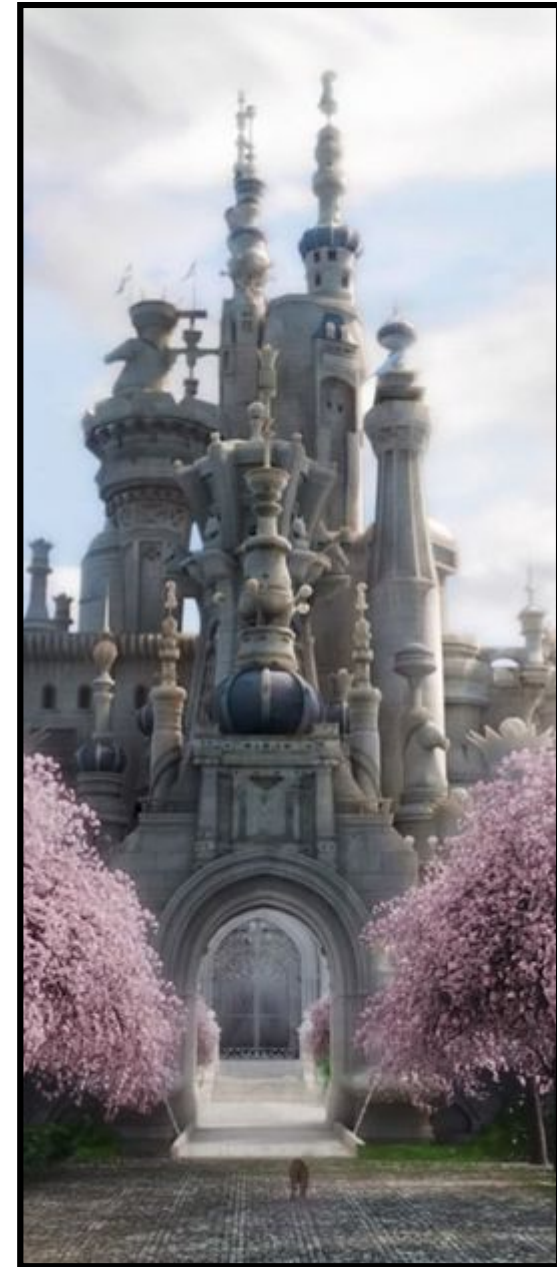
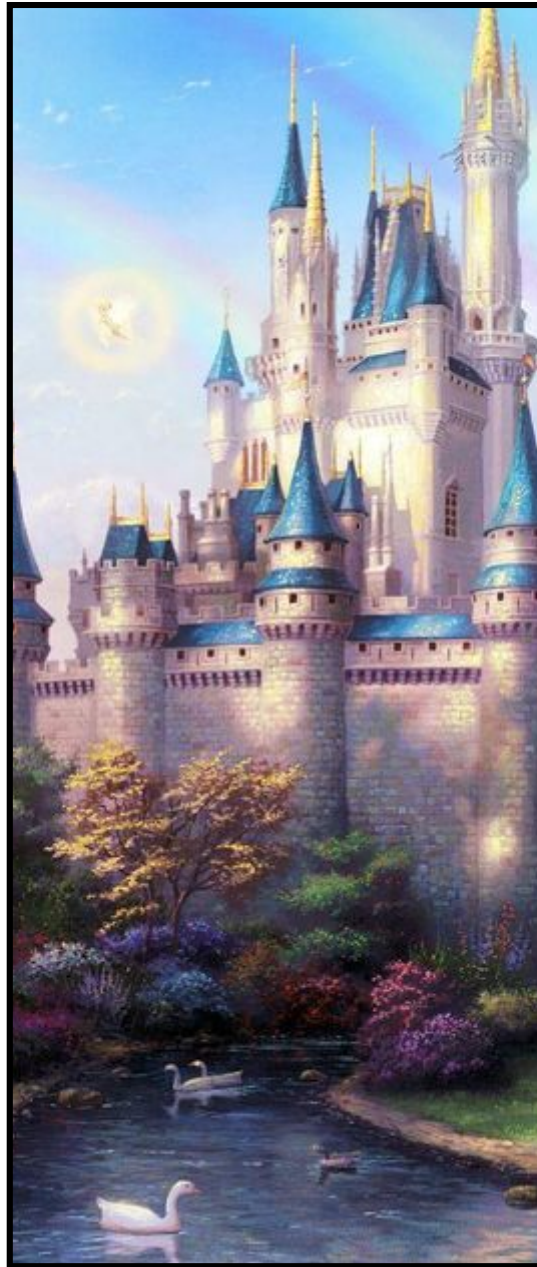
On the next part of her adventure, she travels deep into the purple forest that holds the most dangerous of magic. She is greeted by a fairy in a white dress who explains that she is a queen from a different village. Catalina is worried that she will not be able to run away from this fairy because she looks much older, and the older a fairy is the stronger her powers are. This particular fairy deals with dark magic, and Catalina does not have any idea how to use dark magic. Her kingdom uses good magic instead.

El hada oscura mira a Catalina con una mirada terrible. Catalina está confundida y asustada. ¿En qué se ha metido? De repente, el hada le entrega una flor para que la tome. Es una flor más clara. Se utilizan para ver cosas en la oscuridad que no se pueden ver fácilmente. ¡Puede usar esto para ver la flor en la más oscura de las cuevas! Ella se da cuenta de que el hada no es mala. Se despiden y Catalina se dirige a otra parte de su aventura.



Catalina heads to the castle to see if the diamond is hidden somewhere inside. She wants to ask her mother a thing or two about the diamond to get any hints about where it may be.

Se encuentra con su madre, Josefina, para preguntarle dónde puede estar el diamante. Su madre le dice que su padre solía llevarla a la piscina del pueblo y que quizás la dejó allí hace muchos años. Ella deja el castillo y se dirige a la piscina para encontrar el diamante.



Catalina and her cat reach the purple fairy pool. She looks under everything and still can't find the diamond. She feels very discouraged.

Incluso la luz de las flores no pudo ayudarla. Oswald tampoco tuvo suerte para encontrarlo. Ellos se van al siguiente lugar para buscar el diamante.



Catalina roams through the purple meadows, she gallops over large tree stumps and runs through the rocky roads to find the diamond. Once again, she is unable to find it. She is losing all the hope she has left. She does not know where else to turn.

Los prados morados tampoco tienen el diamante. Se pregunta dónde lo puso su padre. Deja los prados con menos esperanzas que antes. Luego viaja a la playa.



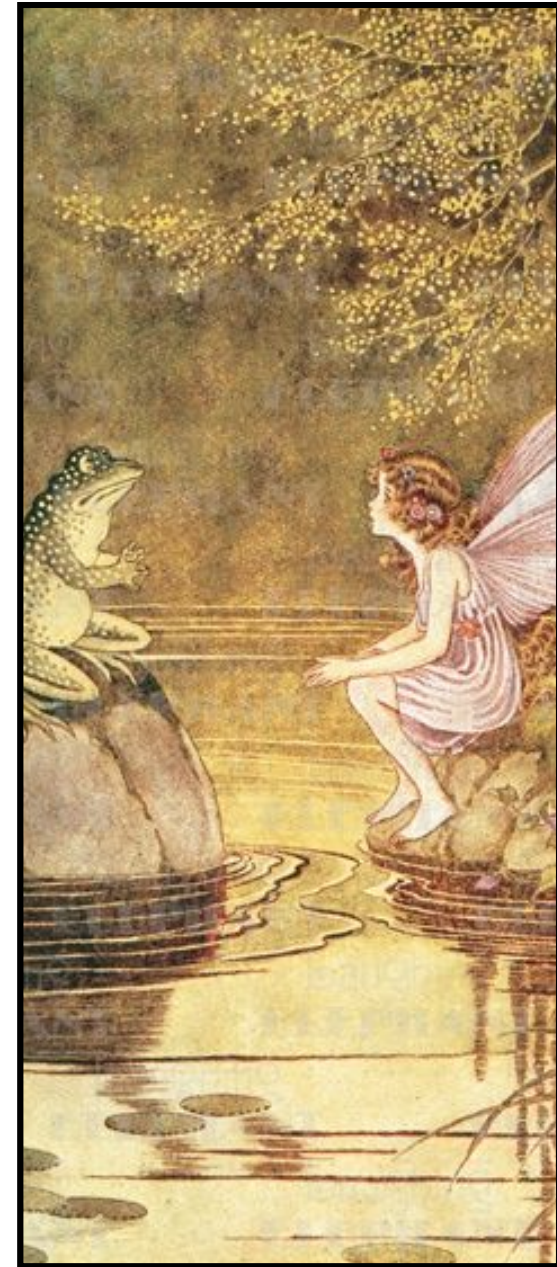
Catalina sinks her feet into the sand. Above her is the moon. The sky shines pink and purple, and the stars are a pretty light color that brightens up the pink skies. She thinks once again about where the diamond could be. The fate of her kingdom depends on it.

¿Dónde puedo encontrar ayuda? Se pregunta ella misma. No conoce ningún hada que pueda ayudarla. Fue entonces cuando se dio cuenta de que tenía que ir al animal más sabio de la ciudad para pedir ayuda.



As Catalina and the old wise frogs of the meadows talk, she learns a lot about the diamond. She learns that it is a magical and wonderful part of herself that she needs to cherish. The diamond is actually a part of her; it gives her fairy powers.

Las ranas le dicen que mire dentro de su corazón para encontrar la respuesta. Ella pensó que esto era un consejo falso al principio. Estaba enojada porque las ranas le estaban haciendo perder el tiempo. De hecho, al final la salvaron. ¡La respuesta no podría ser más clara!



Catalina finally finds the diamond in a hidden chest in her closet. Her grandmother told her to never open it unless there was an emergency. She never knew what that meant until now. She is so happy to know that her grandmother saved it in the homemade chest to keep it safe for all these years.

¡El reino se salva! Sabía que tomaría algún tiempo encontrarlo y está feliz de que su viaje haya terminado. ¡Finalmente puede convertirse en reina! Celebra con su madre y su padre a su lado, y por supuesto con su gato.



Spanish is incredibly important to learn because it is one of the most spoken languages in the world, right next to English and Chinese. So, naturally, on every level, it is important to speak and understand it so one can communicate with people all around the world. Spanish culture, such as music, breaks through so many language barriers that one does not even have to know the language to appreciate it. It is still essential to learn the language, even if one only knows very little. Spanish culture is embedded in many aspects of our everyday lives. This can include food or even television shows. There is no one way to sum up the importance of learning the language and culture. To put it simply, a great way to become a global citizen is to learn this language.

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