

TIPS FOR PEER CRITIQUE

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Teaching your
Students

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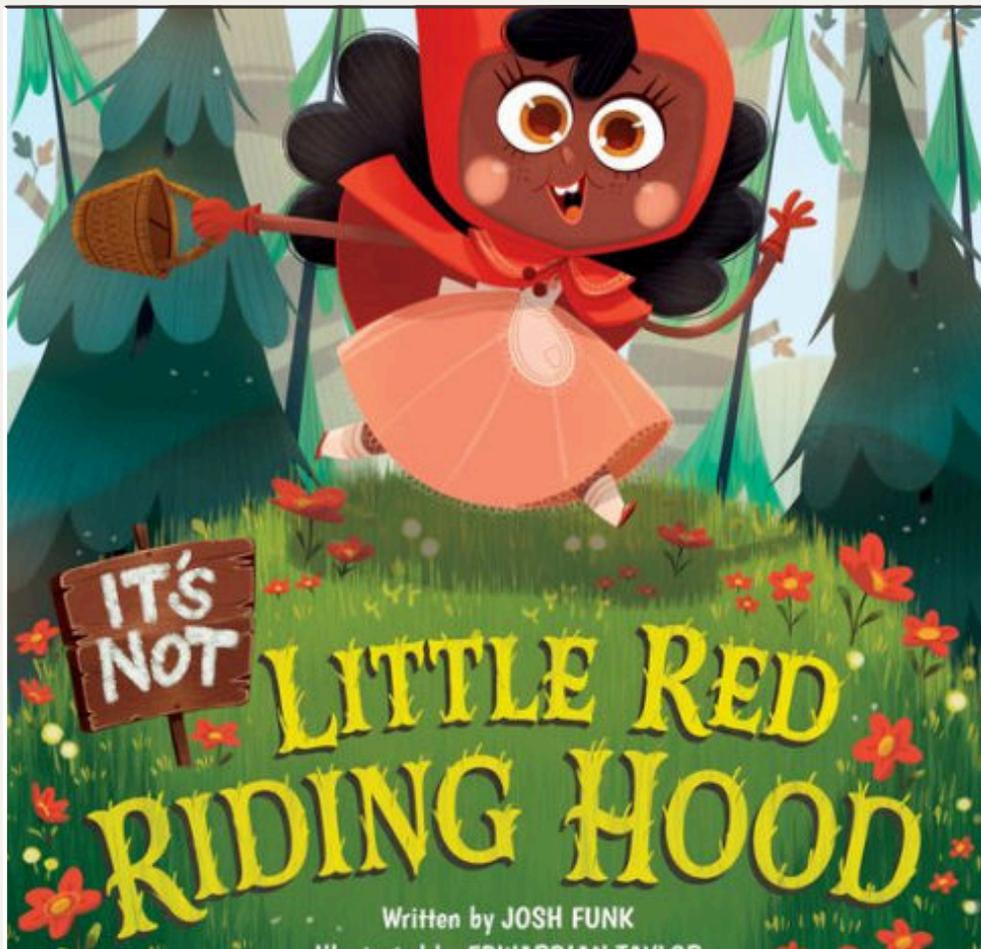
Start critiquing
published books

Teachers, choose a published book and work on modeling and teaching how to critique.

Then, you can work with a class story.

And finally, apply the steps to peer critique. →

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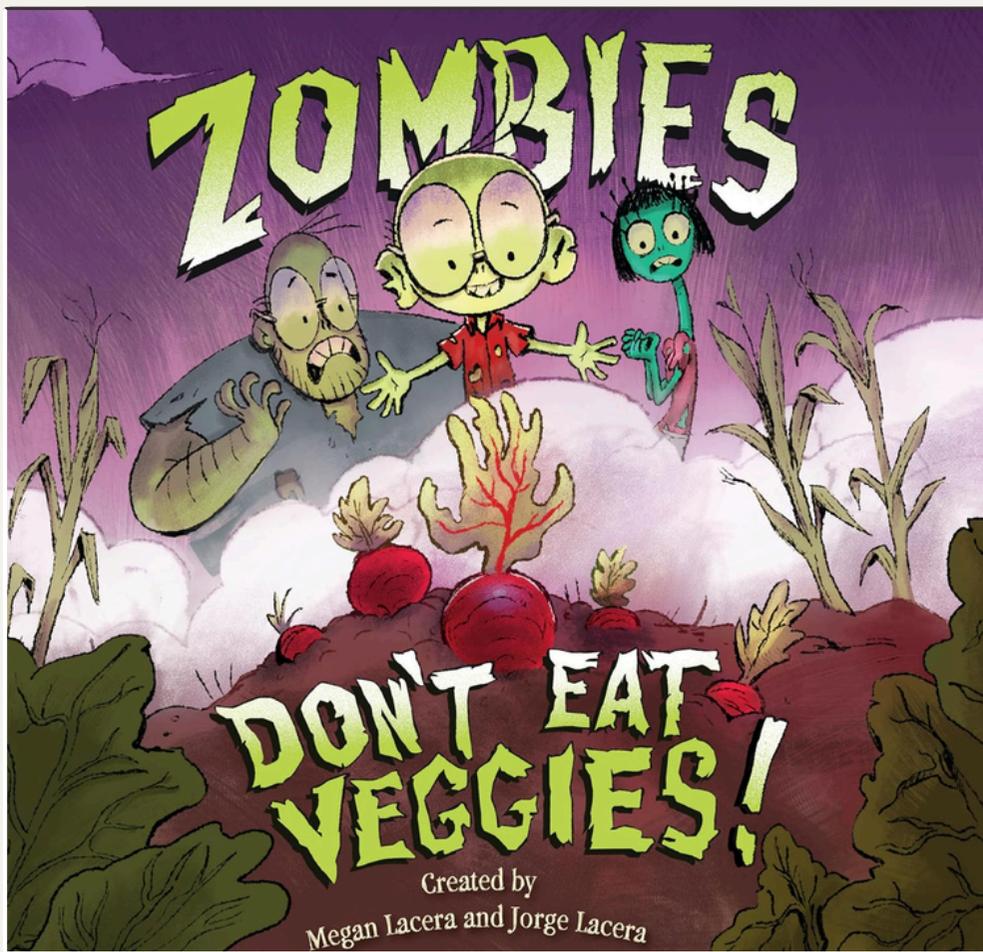


All Hands on Deck by Alice Meyers

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- "Tap your brain if you are confused by something in the story."
- "Raise your hand if you have a question about the story."
- "Show me the I agree sign if this has also happened in your life or you connect with this part of the story."
- "Shrug your shoulders if a word doesn't make sense."
- "Point to your big smile, if you really like a part." →
- "Put your hands over your eyes if a part is too sad or too scary."

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Sentence Stems

Use sentence stems and questions to guide kids.
Here are some sentence stems by Alice Meyers –
blog – Kid-tique It

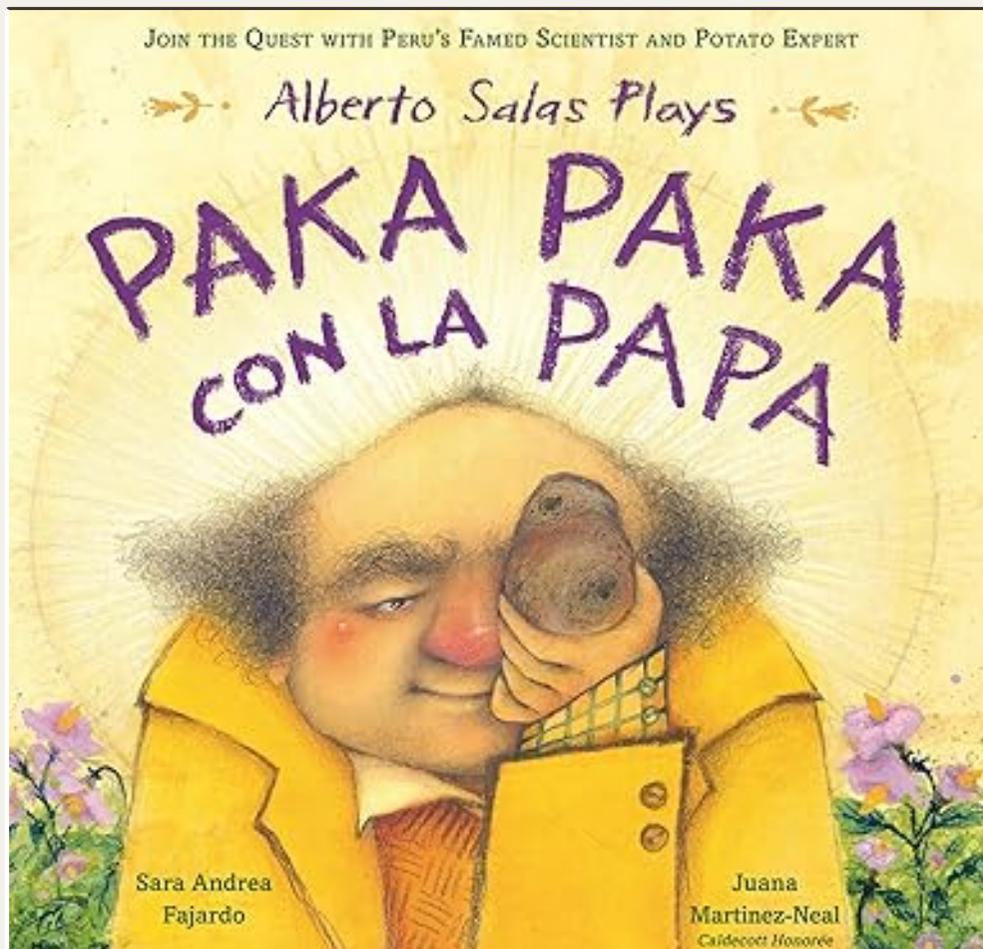
1. "I'm not sure what they meant by _____."

2. "I think it would be (funny/cool/better) if
_____."

3. "I liked it when _____, but what if _____?" →

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The Sandwich
Critique
Positive-
Suggestions -
Positive



Amazing

What was amazing:

1. Clever Idea
2. It made me laugh/cry/feel....
3. I love the character because
4. I can relate to the character
5. I love the beginning, the middle, the end
6. I love this scene
7. I love this sentence



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Suggestions

What if this instead of that?

What if your beginning ...

What if you add...

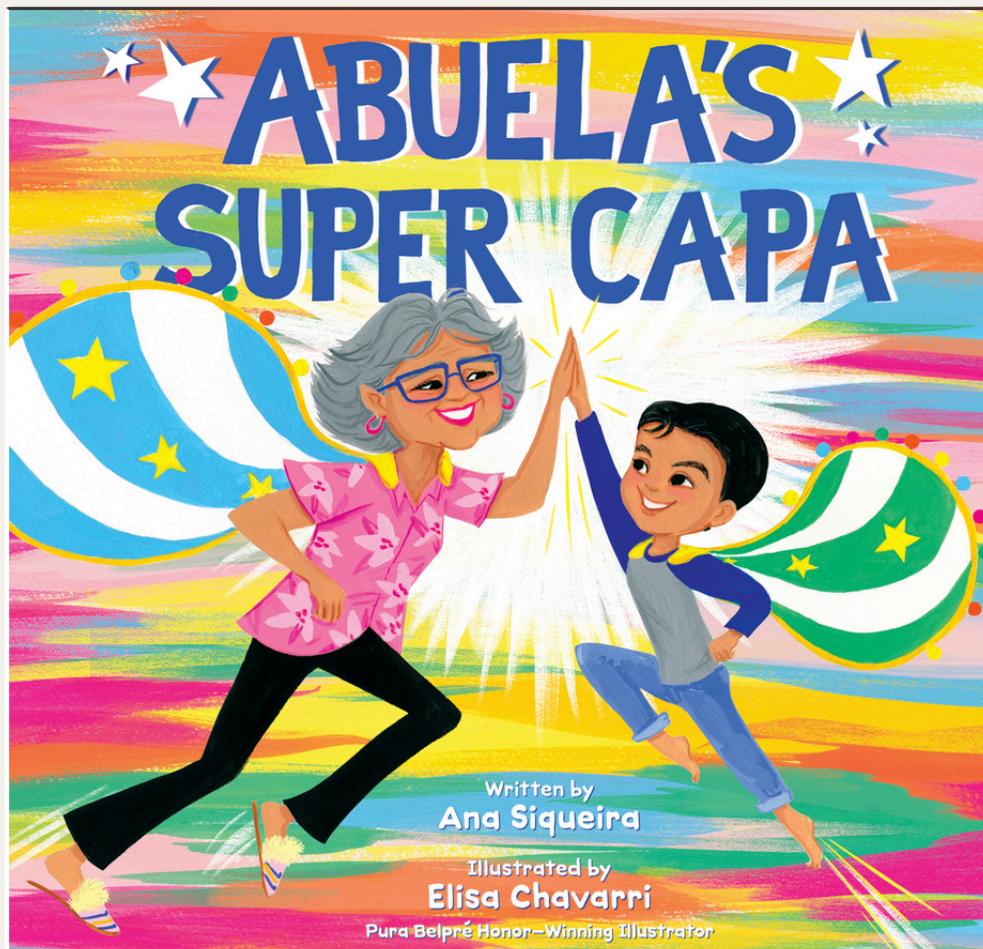
What if you remove...

I have an idea – treasure or trash them.

- The student being critiqued should wait until they finish their critiques to talk. It's important to learn to listen, think and then reply.

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Motivation

I think you should keep writing because....

I love that aspect of your story.

You are talented because...



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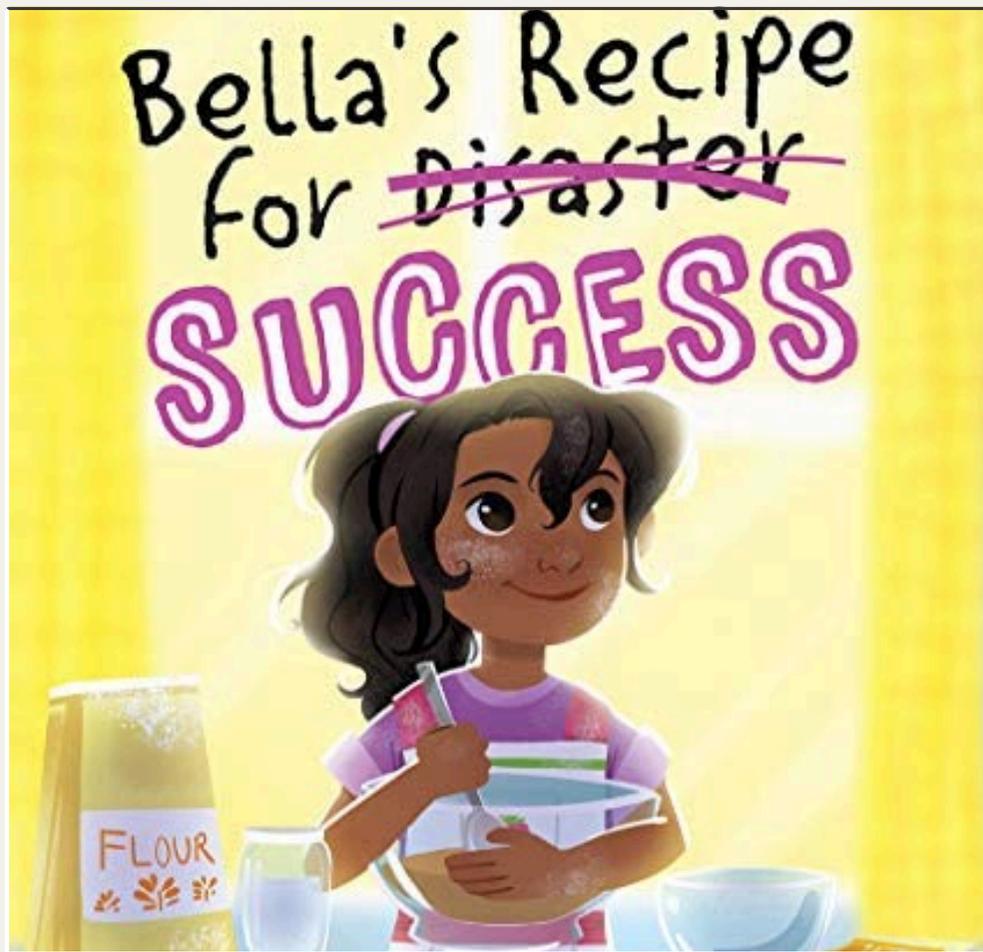


Brainstorm in pairs
or small groups

Ideas and suggestions in small groups
on how to tackle the suggestions – All
ideas are valid – Laugh, be silly. Write
them down.



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Marinate

Now, let all these ideas marinate in your brain.

Draw, doodle, write notes.

And then... Revise it

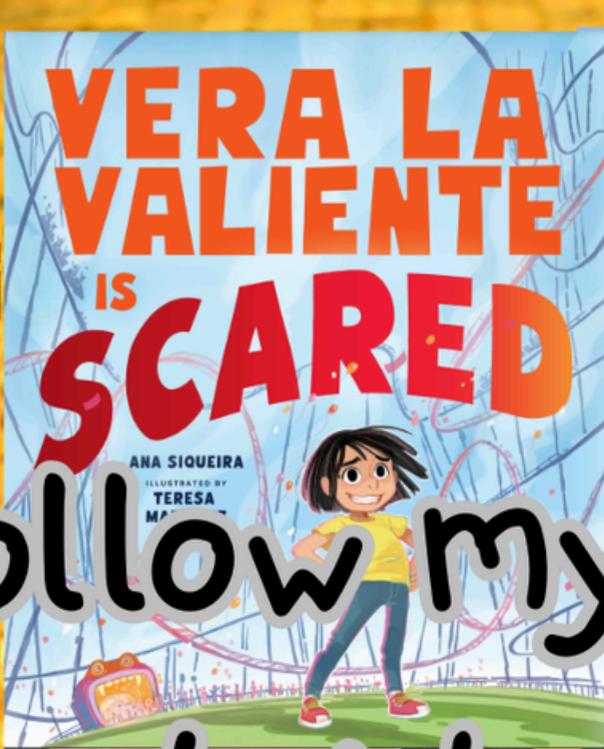
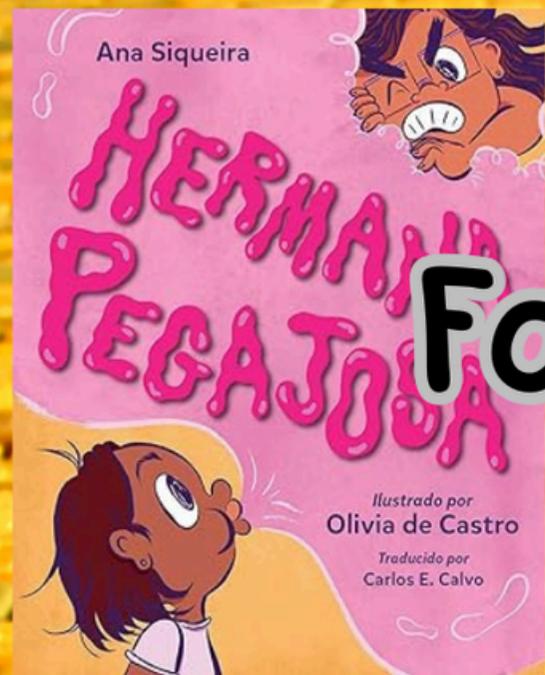


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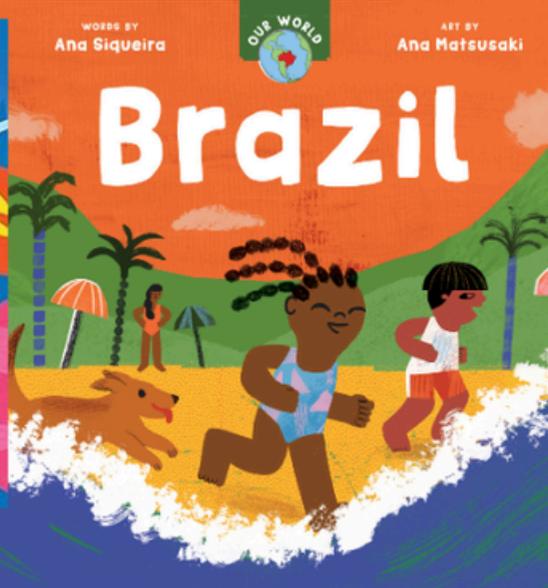
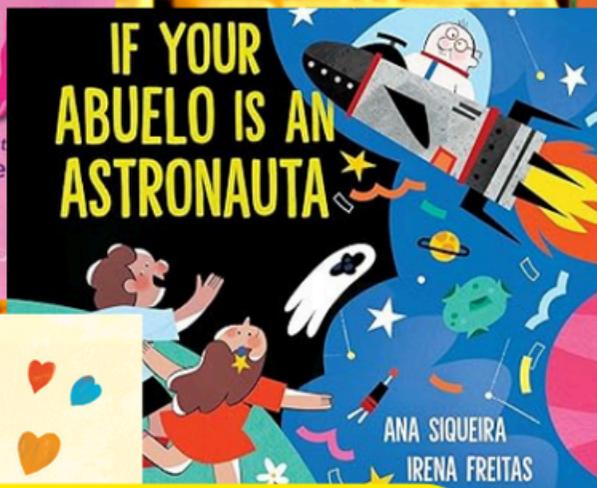
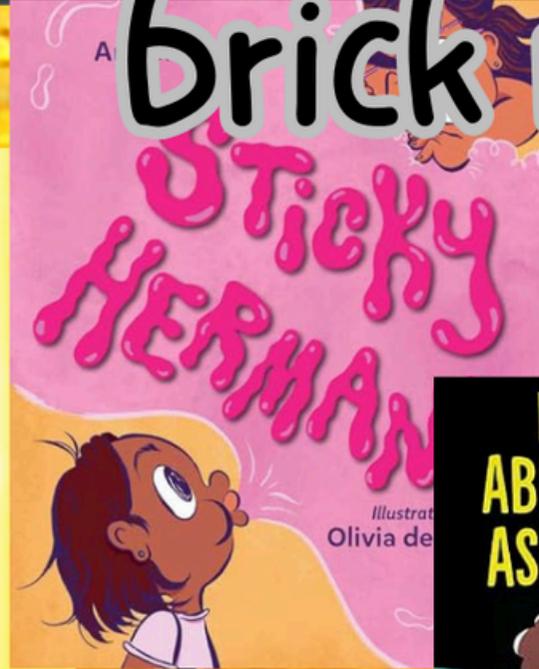
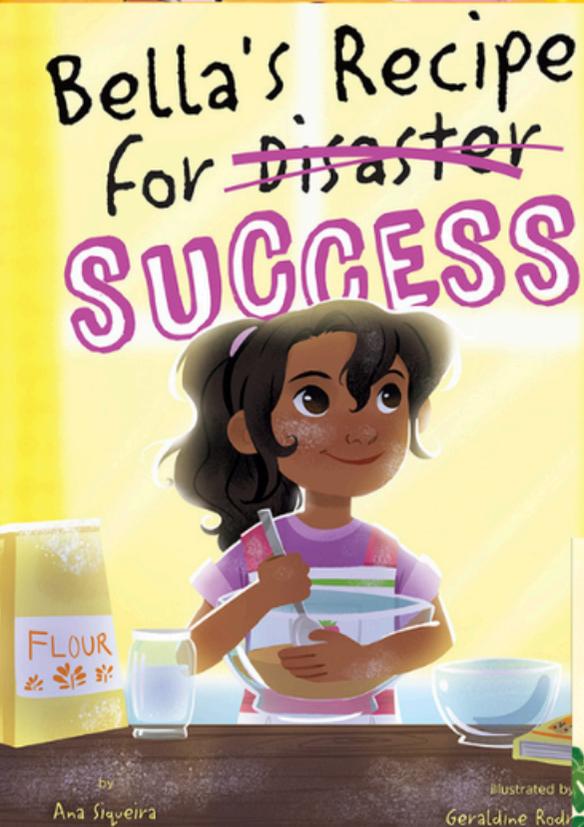


Revise and repeat as many times as needed.





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