



# Read Aloud Guide

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**Title:** *My Colors, My World / Mis colores mi mundo* by Maya Christina Gonzalez

**Best for:** TK - 1st grade

**Summary:** This book is about a little girl named Maya who lives in the desert. She has to search to find colors in her world, such as Papi's black hair and Mami's orange and purple flowers, and Maya's red swing set, and the fiery pink sunset.

**Why we chose this book:** We love the fact that this book is in both Spanish and English, so readers can choose one language or read both. We also love the colorful illustrations and the story of how Maya can find vibrant colors in a place like the desert.

**Central themes:** Family life, children's art, colors

**Introducing the book:** You can begin by showing the cover, reading the title and author, and then saying something like this:

*"This book is about a girl named Maya who lives with her family in a desert. What do you know about deserts? Can people live in the desert?"*

*"Does anyone here have a favorite color?"*

**During Reading:** Stop to ask questions - children can respond to the whole group or talk to a partner

*p.3 "Has anyone ever been in a sandstorm in the desert? What about on the beach when it's windy?"*

*p..13 "Does anyone here like to play with mud or make mudpies? What other squishy things do you like to play with?"*

**After Reading :** Debrief with students

*"What is Maya's favorite color? Do you remember where we see her favorite color?"*

*"Why does Maya say she needs to open her eyes "extra wide" do see the colors in her world?"*

*"What do you think the author wants us to do after reading the story?"*