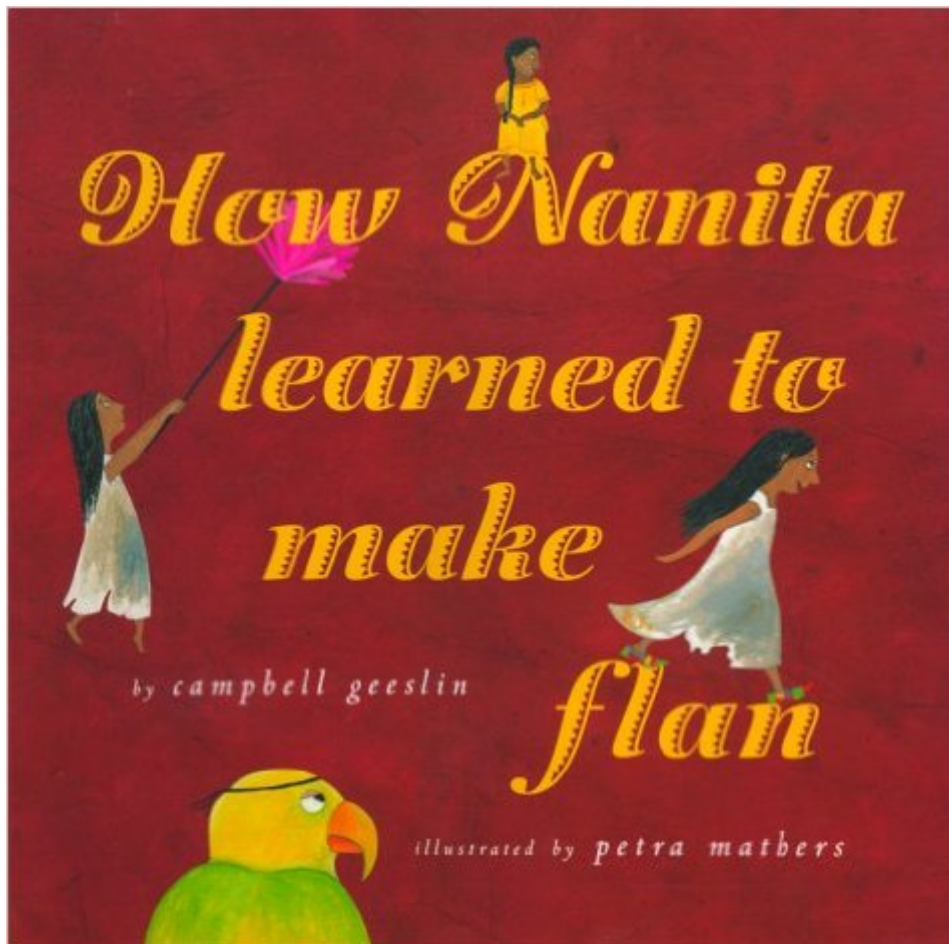


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# How Nanita Learned To Make Flan



## Synopsis

Join a little girl on a fairy tale journey filled with discovery...danger...and delicious flan! "Tap, tap, tap" goes Papa's little hammer. Nanita's papa is a shoemaker who works so hard he doesn't even have time to make his own daughter a pair of shoes. Now Nanita's First Communion is coming up, but how can she appear before Our Lady of Guadalupe in bare feet? "Tap, tap, tap." So Nanita decides make the shoes for herself. But somehow, her odd little creations turn out to be enchanted, and they sleepwalk her far, far away. When she awakens, poor Nanita is lost. How this feisty heroine finds her way back home is sure to delight all young readers, as will the recipe for magical flan.

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## Customer Reviews

Sweeps you away with magical words and pictures. Campbell Geeslin's childlike approach to any subject charms the kid and the adult. I found myself going back and reading it again and again. I have been collecting all his books.

This is one of my family's favorite picture books. It has the magic and adventure of a fairy tale without monsters to kill or a princess that needs rescuing. A spunky female protagonist rescues herself with the help of a hilarious parrot. The illustrations are as good as the writing, with funny details that children can study while they are listening.

Call me a skeptic, but I think there are better ways to make flan. Soy sauce? Crabmeat? Pickle relish? Nanita's flan recipe wouldn't go over well here in rural Manitoba. Yuck! Still, it's not a bad book. The pictures are nice, and the accompanying 8-track tape has some catchy tunes ("Walk With Me Jesus" played on the zither is an especially nice touch.)

I have used the recipe at the back of this book and copied it into my cookbook. It is very good and I recommend it...especially to folks who, perhaps, don't much like flan (me). It opened up flan for me and I have since investigated other variations. Personally, I thought the story was a bit strange, but the recipe is awesome.

Campbell Geeslin's *How Nanita Learned To Make Flan* will reach ages 3-8 with a survey of a poor shoemaker's daughter's decision to make her own shoes for her first Communion. Kids with good reading skills will appreciate this tale of her efforts.

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