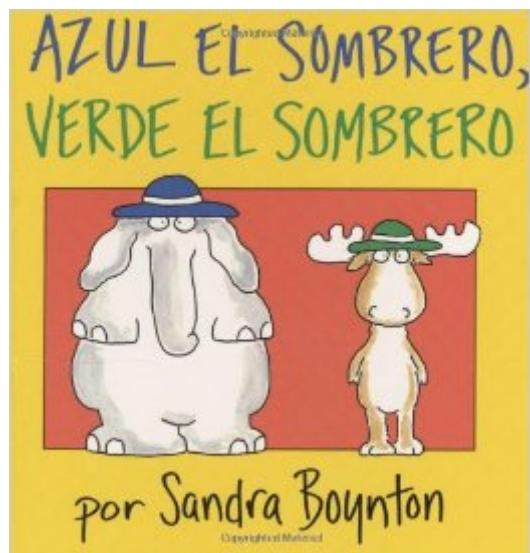


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Azul El Sombrero, Verde El Sombrero (Blue Hat, Green Hat -- Spanish Version)



Synopsis

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Book Information

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When I saw there was to be a Spanish edition of two favorites, Moo, Baa, La la la and Blue Hat, Green Hat, the waiting time until I could see the final product was difficult. Would these adorable books with their catchy rhymes make the transition, or simply be pale copies of their originals? Well, the answer turned out to be 50-50. The first, MÃ³u. Bee. AsÃ- fue was delightful and made great substitutions in conserving the rhyme and rhythm. So what happened with Blue Hat, Green Hat? Unfortunately, any credits for the translators are nowhere that I can see, so we don't know who to praise for the former book nor who to chastise over the latter. While Azul el sombrero is still a half-decent book for anyone who can't read the English version, some basic translation decisions that affect the whole book are mystifying. The charm of the original is a combination of the silly situation (which transcends language) and the rhythm that builds up across the pages. The phrasing "Azul el sombrero" maintains the English word order for no apparent reason, causing the rhythm of the lines to stumble in translation. In contrast, "sombrero azul, sombrero verde" would not only be more standard word order, but much easier to read aloud in a rhythm suitable to the story. The same is true of substituting "Ay, caramba" for "Oops" -- there are punchier, simpler phrases that

could be used ("Ay, no" comes to mind). To summarize: The story comes across OK, thanks to the pictures. But if you already have the English version and know any Spanish, there's nothing gained by buying the Spanish version, as you can do a better job yourself from the very first try.

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