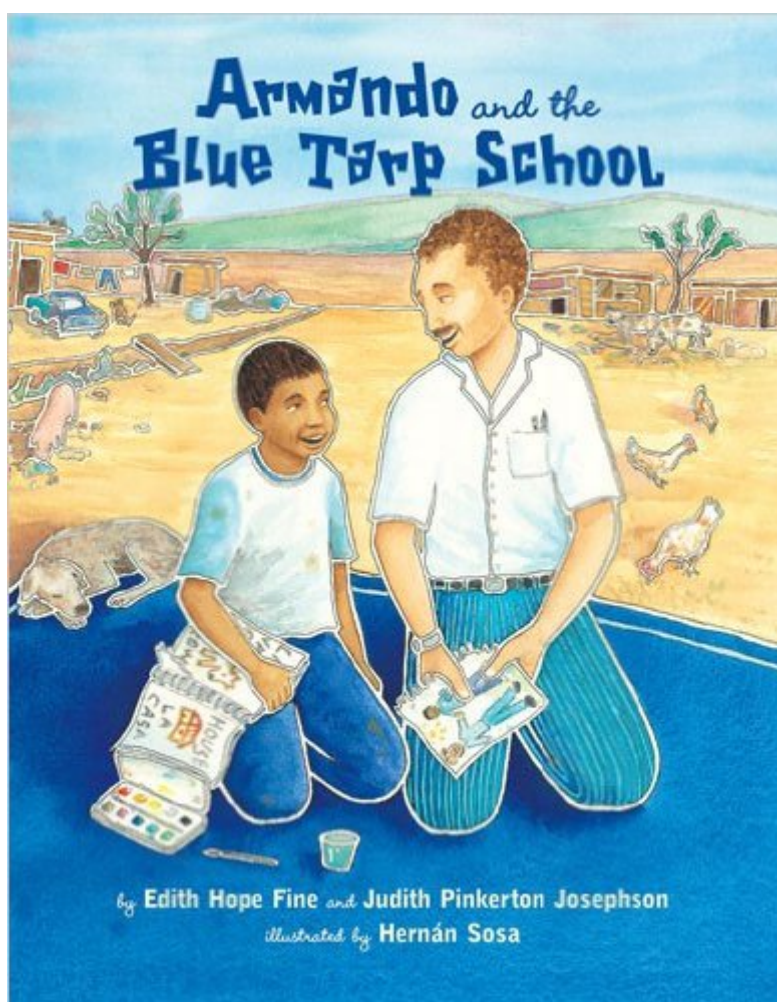


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Armando And The Blue Tarp School



Synopsis

Armando's family is pepenadores, trash pickers, living off things they can use, recycle, and sell from the city trash dump. Armando works with his father to help support the family, but he also finds things for himself pencil stubs, a notebook, and an old paint set with which to write and paint. One summer Senor David arrives and begins teaching school on a blue tarp spread on the ground. Armando's parents finally decide that learning may help him find different work when he grows up, so he begins attending the blue tarp school. The children learn to read and write in Spanish and English. They learn math. And they draw, much to Armando's delight. When a fire in the colonia burns down several homes, it is Armando's picture of the fiery night that helps bring outside support and money to construct a school building. The story is inspired by the work of David Lynch, a teacher from New York who first began working in a colonia in Mexico in the early 1980s." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

In the space of just a few pages, Edith Fine and Judith Josephson bring an unfamiliar world to life: that of the families who make a living by picking through the trash at the Tijuana dump. Education is not taken for granted in this world. When a caring teacher creates a school on a blue plastic tarp,

new doors are opened for Armando and the other children. Armando and the Blue Tarp School, inspired by a true story, offers a moving message of hope. I love this book and its unusual illustrations. The story is a must for classrooms and school libraries.

Armando and the Blue Tarp School is a children's picturebook based on true events. In the 1980's, David Lynch traveled to Mexico and worked with young people who lived in neighborhoods amid mounds of trash. Out of a desire to help them earn a better future, he spread a blue tarp on the ground and began teaching them kindergarten, Mexican culture, and English as a second language, and even brought paint for them to work with. An anonymous reader learned of Lynch's efforts through a newspaper article and donated funds for the area to build a school of its own. Armando and the Blue Tarp School follows young Armando, who must work every day with his father to pick through trash and uncover valuable recyclables, and his desire to learn at the blue tarp school. When a terrible fire destroys Armando's neighborhood, the picture he draws becomes published in the paper and a mysterious benefactor donates the needed funds to create a new school where the blue tarp once stood! David Lynch is portrayed as Senor David in this upbeat children's book about hope for the future. Especially recommended as a way to remind young boys and girls how lucky they are to have the opportunity to learn.

In the book, Armando and the Blue Tarp School the authors Fine and Josephson write with caring and compassion about a forgotten segment of society. The poorest of the poor. With insight and sensitivity they tell the story of a young boy who longs to learn and go to school, but cannot because he must help his father sift through trash for items to sell to support the family. When Armando is finally allowed to go to school, the reader can almost feel his joy. And it is from this moment on the story gains momentum and heart. Everyone who loves learning will love this book. This book is a must for all library shelves, personal collections and should be required reading in all the schools. Armando and the Blue Tarp School celebrates learning and living and is a story to be read and reread for generations to come. I highly recommend this book.

I gave Armando & the Blue Tarp School to 3 of my grandnieces/nephews. They all loved it. It started great discussions of schools, life in other communities, the importance of education, & the value of "sticking with it." I definitely recommend this book.

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