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## **Myra and the Drawing Drama**

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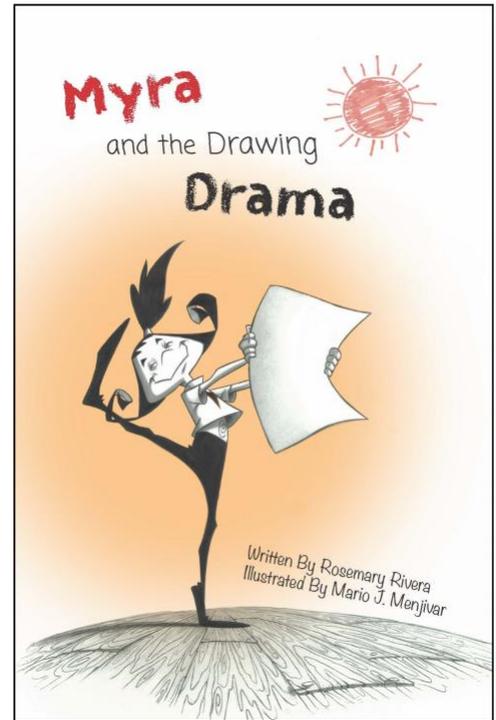
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*"A book that's so strange and interesting that I have difficulty parsing it in my head... Add in the Seuss-esque cover, and you've got yourself one of the most ORIGINAL books of the year."*

*-Elizabeth Bird,*

*A Fuse 8 Production, School Library Journal*

Myra is a 2nd grader with dreams of winning the school art contest and the adoration of the world. Judging from the grownups' reactions, it looks like Myra's dream is about to come true. Or is it? A funny, Almost True story about what happens when adults forget how to think like a kid.

The day of the school's art contest is here, and Myra can't contain her excitement because this year she's in it to win it! After many tries, she creates her masterpiece and turns it in for review. The teacher's reaction sets off a chain of events that take her (and the reader) on unexpected twists and turns. Based on a true story, this unconventional parable is a fun ride with a message that encourages empowerment through confidence, resourcefulness, and resilience.

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