

Hanukkah in Little Havana

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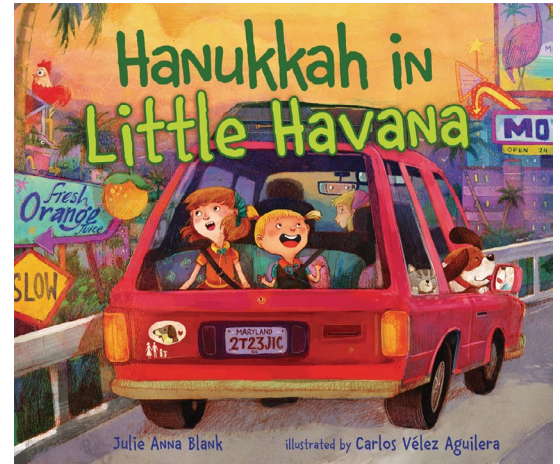
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A New England kid celebrates Hanukkah, in person, with her beloved grandparents, enjoying the Cuban culture of her grandparents' neighborhood, and their Sephardic Hanukkah customs.

Every December, a little girl in Virginia looks forward to receiving a crate of oranges from her grandparents in Miami, but this year is even better. The family is taking a driving trip to visit Nonna and Nonno in Florida! At Nonna and Nonno's house, they pick grapefruit and oranges under the sun. They dance the salsa and play in the waves at the beach. Best of all, they celebrate Hanukkah together. The girls help Nonna make latkes, and buñuelos stuffed with almonds and guava jelly. It's eight days of light and love.

Julie Anna Blank has lived in her Pacific Northwest home for 30 years, where she is a school librarian. She and her husband hit the road for van life adventures in their Sprinter, most often to visit their two grown sons. Having been a storyteller all her life, Julie is thrilled to see her words in print finally. *Hanukkah in Little Havana* is her first children's book.

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