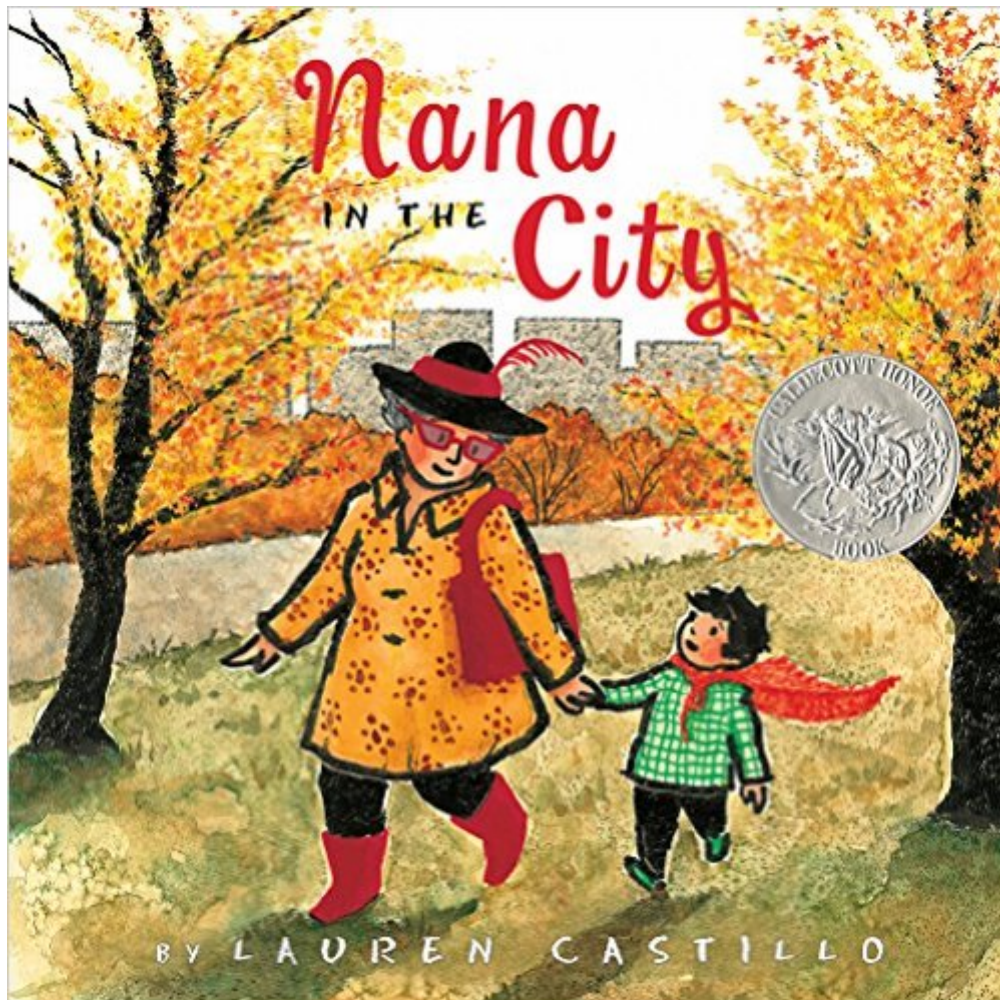


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# Nana In The City



## Synopsis

A 2015 Caldecott Honor Book "In this magical picture book, a young boy spends an overnight visit with his nana and is frightened to find that the city where she lives is filled with noise and crowds and scary things. But then Nana makes him a special cape to help him be brave, and soon the everyday sights, sounds, and smells of the city are not scary but wonderful." The succinct text is paired with watercolor illustrations that capture all the vitality, energy, and beauty of the city.

## Book Information

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Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars "See all reviews" (43 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Nana in the City Author/illustrator Lauren Castillo gives us a peek behind the scenes of her new picture book

A page of early character studies from my sketchbook, drawn with pen and marker. Here is the city skyline opening spread in the process of being inked. The completed city skyline watercolor painting.

A desk full of inked illustrations ready to paint. My favorite watercolor technique at work --

sprinkled salt to create texture on the ground. Here is the Central Park spread in progress, with the original color sketch above for reference.

Nana in the City is about a spunky hip nana who shows her visiting grandson the beauty of city life. Lauren's illustrations are delightful. Her style is simple and pure. You want little eyes to hold these images in their hearts.

Have you ever been to a big city? Or if you live in the city have you been to the country? In this book, the author, Lauren Castillo, has written a book about Nana, a grandmother who lives in the city. Her grandson is coming for a visit, but when he arrives he is overwhelmed by the sights and sounds of the city. His Nana is very wise, and she makes a special cape for him. When you read this story you will discover what happens. Parents/teachers will enjoy reading this book to their children. The children may find this is an opportune time to discuss with the adults some of the fears they may have. They will also be able to discuss what the sights and sounds are in a big city or in the country that may frighten them. The illustrations by Lauren Castillo are bright, vivid and colorful. They depict Nana and her grandson exactly as I would picture them. We can see their adventures. This is such a lovely story, and since I am a Nana, myself, I enjoyed this book immensely. Recommended.

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Along with "The Trouble Maker", "Nana in the City" has joined our household as two of our most recent and favorite picture books. Lauren Castillo has brilliantly proven herself deserving of the Caldecott honor award. Congratulations!

This is a wonderful book that I have shared with Kindergarten students learning about city life. I read it aloud and keep the grandchild gender-neutral. The first-person narrative could be the account of any grandchild with short dark hair. As a school librarian, I always am on the lookout for diverse books, and this story of an active grandparent is a welcome addition to our collection. The Kindergartners loved the story, too, and they discussed how the child's attitudes and feelings changed, even though the narrative text repeated verbatim.

I loved the message of this picture book so much I immediately wanted to share it not only with my young nieces, but also with my dad, who is reluctant to visit me "in the city." While this book is intended for children, the theme of the story is also fun and enjoyable for adults. The author is able

to create a magnificent setting through her vibrant watercolor illustrations. The contrast of color and black and white helps to tell the story from the young boy's point of view. From the illustrations to the succinct but descriptive syntax, the essence of New York City is artfully captured from page to page. I highly recommend this children's book to country dwellers looking to expand their horizons, and to anyone wild enough to live in the city.

I especially love the relationship that the little boy has with his Nana. She is really a neat little lady who instinctively knows kids. This book presents New York City in a nice way to people who have never been there. I like that aspect of the book as well. The illustrations are great with delightful color and texture. All in all, this book, to me, is just a very good children's book and one I want to keep for my grandchildren. Five stars.

What a beautiful, colorful expose of a Nana that lives in the city!! The artwork is so meaningful in terms of a child that obviously lives in suburbia and visits his Nana in the City. The noise, hustle and activity is showcased to the mindset of a youngster that can realize the beauty of city life!! It is engaging and an important aspect of children seeing life in all dimensions. Love this book and so interested in buying others from this author!!

I bought this for my mom, a new "Nana"- I was looking for a book that referred to a grandma in this way. The story and illustrations are really cute. As my son has grown into a love of superheroes, it seems especially fitting that "Nana" gave him a special red cape in this story.

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