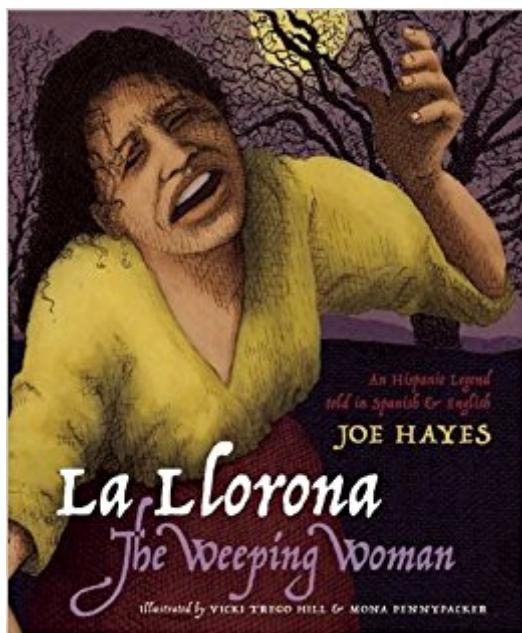


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# La Llorona / The Weeping Woman (English And Spanish Edition)



## Synopsis

La Llorona (yoh-RROH-nah), now available for the first time in a full-color paperback, is the ghost story to end all ghost stories and truly the most popular cuento of Hispanic America. This story of the weeping woman appears at first to be only a frightening tale filled with mysterious events which cause children to sit wide-eyed. Yet it's the simple, universal wisdom at the core of the story that finally works its magic into their hearts. Joe Hayes is best known for his bilingual tellings of stories from the American Southwest. La Llorona is one of his favorite stories.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 6

## Customer Reviews

This is a great book! I recall the stories of La Llorona when I was a child. La Llorona lives in many Mexican songs and her story captures your imagination. It is very cleverly written. At first glance I was worried the story may be too frightening for my grandchildren but the author handles La Llorona's death very well. While the title refers to "The Weeping Woman", as I was told, La Llorona's wail, howl and anguish could be heard late at night. Be sure, she did not merely weep! The story is about a very vain woman and vain man who live in Mexico and get married. Unfortunately, in time the husband loses interest in his wife (the vain woman) and devotes his attention to their two children. The wife, La Llorona, becomes jealous and decides to seek revenge by throwing their children in a river. This story has been around for many, many years and still serves the purpose of

getting kids in the house before dark when La Llorona has been heard wailing as she looks for her children. Hurry home before La Llorona mistakes you for one of her unfortunate children!

The weeping woman is traditional Latin American tale to scare children. This rendition is great. It opens up doors to conversing with your children or your students about the bigger issues in this book. Such topics, as obsession, narcissism, arrogance, vengeance, control and domination can be discussed with this book. The book is bilingual which is a plus, but the Spanish is pretty simple for native speakers. Non-native beginner and intermediate students will find it a little challenging. It is a story that never gets old. It is also fun to tell, because many believe it to be true from the time of "la malinche". She helped Cortez conquer her and other native peoples of the new world. It is a little too violent for really young children, but it is a scary story so use your discretion in telling this tale to children under 7.

GREAT BOOK that doesn't sugar-coat the story at all- A sad story, but good to tell for groups of OLDER school-age children. If you are able, ask a colleague to don a woman's halloween mask and a white sheet... have them enter the room toward the end of the story- or at the end- works every time! Sure, upper graders in this day and age can be a little jaded, but don't let that stop you! They will appreciate this.

I am an Elementary School Spanish teacher and I am always looking for books to teach the children about Spanish or Latin American culture. La Llorona always brought fear to Latino children if they weren't minding their parents and I thought it would be interesting to share this legend with my students. They loved hearing of other culture's versions of the "boogeyman." This version of the story has great illustrations and told remarkably well. It is not too scary for most children but enough to have the kids relating to the legend.

I can't say enough about Joe Hayes' books. I love them! This story, La Llorona is one of many of his that I own. I was told this folk tale as a child growing up in a Hispanic household. Now that he has published this I can share it with my students. Please don't stop publishing these wonderful books Mr. Hayes!

This book is a great version for younger children who you don't want to scare too much with this story.

Excellent storyteller relates a famous ghost story in English & Spanish at the same time. Love it & will be using it in my classroom.

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