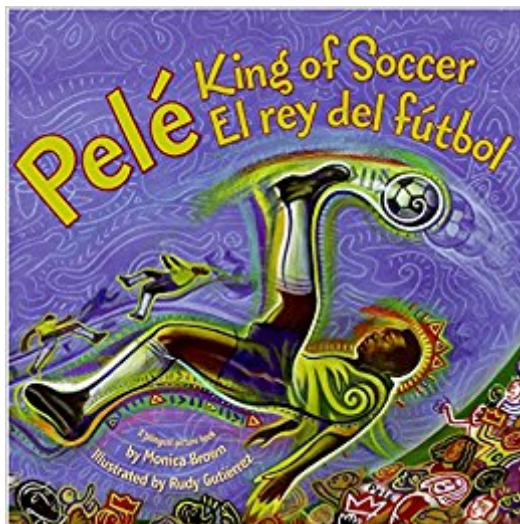


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# Pele, King Of Soccer/Pele, El Rey Del Futbol



## Synopsis

Monica Brown and Rudy Gutierrez team up to deliver what Kirkus called, in a starred review, an “inspiring blend of art and story” about the most famous soccer star in the world, Pelé. This bilingual picture book will inspire, teach, and amaze readers as they learn about the man who revolutionized the sport of soccer. Do you know how a poor boy from Brazil who loved football more than anything else became the biggest soccer star the world has ever known? This is the true story of Pelé, King of Soccer, the first man in the history of the sport to score a thousand goals and become a living legend. Rudy Gutierrez’s dynamic illustrations make award-winning author Monica Brown’s story of this remarkable sports hero come alive!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Twisting multiple perspectives, adding swirls of color, and limning distorted figures with loose auras of yellow and blue, Gutierrez creates high-energy, full-bleed illustrations that kick up the unexceptional English-over-Spanish text of this tribute to Pelé, still soccer’s O Rei (The King). “Every evening, no matter how tired they were, Pelé and his father, Dondinho, would play soccer in the streets. Whoops! Sometimes Pelé accidentally broke a

window or kicked a ball over a fence. Brown retraces Pelé's youth and swift rise to fame, closing with a dramatic account of his 1,000th goal. He went on to score 280 more, and has remained active since his retirement, but readers will find that sort of information only in the fine-print author's note at the end. Nonetheless, at least visually, this makes a stirring alternative to Lesa Cline-Ransome's Young Pelé: Soccer's First Star (2007), illustrated by James Ransome. Grades 1-3. --John Peters

"Told in a dual English/Spanish text, this inspiring blend of art and story scores a winning goal." (Kirkus Reviews (starred review)) "Pulsing prose that is a pleasure for the adult on readaloud duty to deliver. Gutierrez matches aural with visual delight in mixed-media double page spreads that sizzle with energy." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books) "Gutierrez's illustrations give the book an exciting burst of energy. The pages convey the vigor and panache of World Cup Soccer. Text and pictures collaborate seamlessly." (School Library Journal) "With great skill, Brown tells the story of the poor boy from Brazil who loved fútbol more than anything else and became the biggest soccer star the world has ever known." (NBC Latino.com) "Gutierrez [high-energy, full-bleed illustrations...kick up...this tribute to Pele, still soccer's O Rei (The King).] (ALA Booklist) "Any kid who loves soccer should know the legend of Pelé. A Brazilian boy who practiced soccer barefoot because he couldn't afford shoes grew up to be one of the greatest soccer players on earth, leading his team to the World Cup finals. Bonus, it's bilingual." (Brightly.com)

My elementary students love soccer and I'm always looking for good bilingual books that students can take home and read with their parents. This book is topically interesting and the illustrations are beautiful.

I bought this book for my two grandsons, ages five and six. I love the illustrations and the fact that each page is in English and Spanish! What a great learning tool and great story of a terrific athlete!

Beautifully done. Great artwork. Bilingual prose makes it extra special

Pele Is the Greatest EVER!!!!

Great book!

Beautiful illustrations, and well written story. My third grade students liked it very much.

This book is fantastic! Beautiful pictures.

Great book!

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