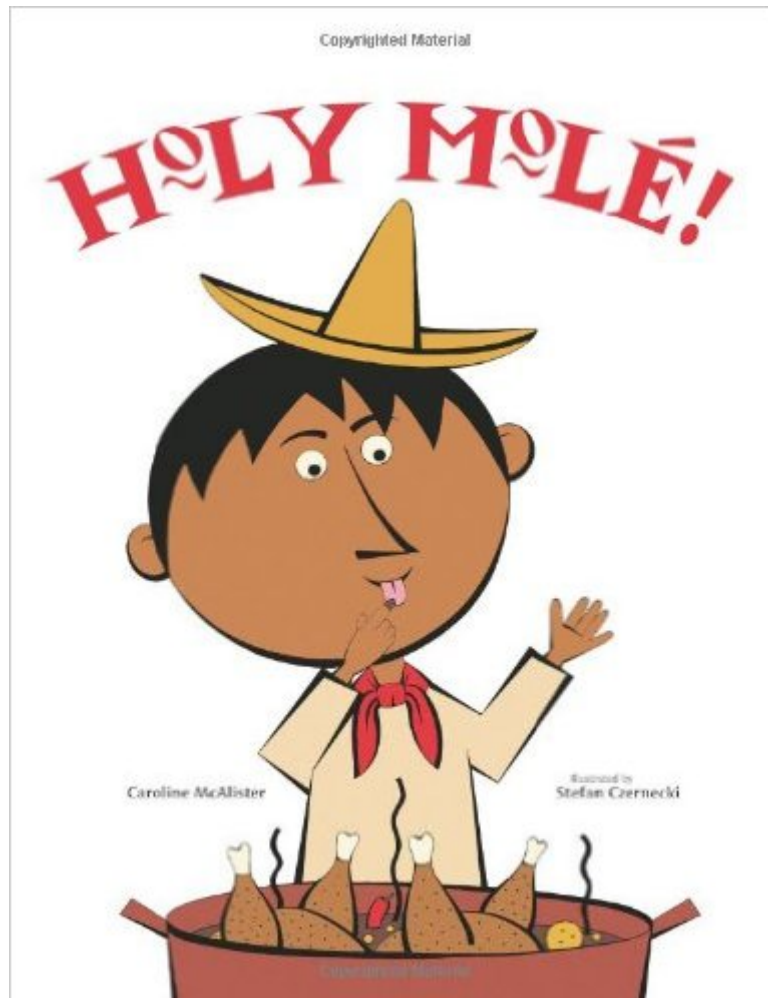


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# Holy Mole!: A Folktale From Mexico



## Synopsis

Carlos is working in the kitchen of the Mexican monastery when the cook enters the room in a panic. The Spanish Viceroy is on his way for a surprise visit and will arrive by noon, expecting dinner. What will the brothers feed this important ambassador to the king? Carlos tries to stay out of the way as lunch is hastily prepared, but his curiosity gets the best of him. His eagerness results in a moment of crisis, followed by what the brothers can only assume is a miracle. This story, inspired by the Mexican folk tradition, explains the origins of molé, the popular national dish that combines chocolate with turkey, spices, and nuts. Stefan Czernecki's amusing, angular illustrations capture the chaos in the kitchen as well as the folk tradition behind the tale.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I read this delightful folk tale to my two daughters aged four and seven. They were excited to learn a few words of Spanish and now say "delicioso and rico" when they like a dish. We are planning on a trip to a Mexican restaurant to try some mole. I highly recommend this book.L.M. Greensboro, NC

I am 12 years old and I read this book to my younger sister, she absalutly loved it! She said she liked it because it had a happy ending and there were some Spanish words in it. Even though I am

not in this books targeted age range, I think it is an awesome book, too.

This is a wonderful fable about the origin of mole sauce. The author captures the spirit of the little boy underfoot in the kitchen perfectly. Children who spend time in the kitchen with parents will have a special interest.

Not quite Shakespeare, 3rd grade reading for 3rd world escapees. This highest literate level most of the short "cowboys" can muster. A simulacrum of subjection. Olay!

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