



## Manu: A Graphic Novel

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### Summary

Set at a magical school for girls, a funny and heartwarming middle-grade graphic novel adventure about friendship, defying expectations, and finding your place. Manu and her best friend, Josefina, live at a magical school for girls, and Manu is always getting into trouble. The headmistress believes that Manu has the potential to help people with her magic, but Manu would rather have fun than fall in line. One day, a prank goes seriously wrong, and Josefina gets angry and wishes for Manu's magic to disappear... and it does. Manu uses a dangerous spell to restore it, but it makes her magic too powerful and nearly impossible to control. Great power comes at a cost, and it may be a price that Manu isn't able to pay!

### Quotes

#### Praise for *Manu*:

★ "Fernández's cartoon artwork in saturated tones and with **lush, vibrant backgrounds** dense with plants makes for **charming**, light-hearted atmosphere, within which she affectionately depicts the rich variety of love people can have for one another, such as the love of a parent, foster parent, or best friend." -- *Booklist*, starred review

★ "Drawing from her own Dominican experience, Fernández weaves together religion, lore, and brujería and creates a world in which magical powers bestowed by saints and evil eye necklaces work hand in hand. **Fun, refreshing, antics-filled magical adventures.**" -- *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

**"This adorable, vibrant, and fantastical graphic novel perfectly captures the power and magic of friendship."** -- Cat Chapman, bookseller at Oxford Exchange in Tampa, FL

**"A funny, friendship-filled adventure.** Manu, Josefina, and their classmates will be **a treat** for all kids but especially for Latinx kids who may have dreamed about a magic school whose classmates looked like them." -- Brein Lopez, bookseller at Children's Book World in Los Angeles, CA

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