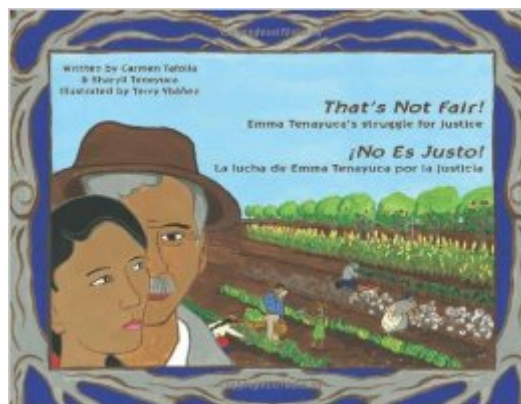# That's Not Fair! / ÂiNo Es Justo!: Emma Tenayuca's Struggle For Justice/La Lucha De Emma Tenayuca Por La Justicia (Spanish And English Edition)

## Synopsis

A vivid depiction of the early injustices encountered by a young Mexican-American girl in San Antonio in the 1920's, this book tells the true story of Emma Tenayuca. Emma learns to care deeply about poverty and hunger during a time when many Mexican Americans were starving to death and working unreasonably long hours at slave wages in the city's pecan-shelling factories. Through astute perception, caring, and personal action, Emma begins to get involved, and eventually, at the age of 21, leads 12,000 workers in the first significant historical action in the Mexican-American struggle for justice. Emma Tenayuca's story serves as a model for young and old alike about courage, compassion, and the role everyone can play in making the world more fair.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

This picture book tells the true story of Emma Tenayuca, who at the age of 21 led thousands of Mexican-American pecan shellers in a successful strike.The authors focus on Emma's childhood and her awakening empathy with Mexican-American laborers. Emma was not born poor: she attended school in San Antonio, Texas, and had enough clothes and food. Yet she encountered children who could not learn to read because they were working as farm laborers. She saw kids who didn't have enough to eat, and not enough clothes to keep them warm.Even as a schoolgirl, Emma taught a friend to read, and gave food and clothing to children in need. As a teenager, she began to

give speeches about the injustices suffered by Mexican-American laborers. In 1938, she led 12,000 pecan shellers in a two-month strike that resulted in higher wages.Because it focuses mostly on Emma's childhood, his book will appeal to kids in the lower elementary grades. Kids may not understand the concept of labor unions, but they do understand fairness, and that's what this book emphasizes. The pictures are colorful, simple, and appealing. The text is printed in both English and Spanish.I have included this book in my online Gender Equality Bookstore.

I really enjoyed this book. It is a great story that should be shared with all children. I purchased an extra copy to donate to our cultural center library in memory of a recently deceased family member.

I bought 3 copies of That's Not Fair! for the children of my family and friends. One friend told me that her 2 daughters asked to have their mother re-read it that night. Also, another friend told me her children enjoyed it and liked looking at the drawings. I bought a 4th copy for myself, and I enjoyed it too. It's a great book for children and adults.

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