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La Mujer Que Brillaba Añón MĀis Que El Sol / The Woman Outshone The Sun

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**Synopsis**

Retells the Zapotec legend of Lucia Zenteno, a beautiful woman with magical powers who is exiled from a mountain village and takes its water away in punishment.

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

This is a powerful and beautiful retelling of this story. This book is written in Spanish and in English and anyone interested in Latino storytelling will buy this book for their collection. I also highly recommend DRUM, CHAVI, DRUM! by Cuban author, Mayra L. Dole, and TRINOS CHOICE, by Chicana author Diane Bertrand.

This retelling of the Legend of Lucia Zenteno is beautifully illustrated with vibrant colors and imagination. The text is given in English and Spanish. It is the story of Lucia who has the most beautiful long hair. It is so beautiful that the river that runs through the town falls in love with her, and when the people of the town, because of their fear, drive her away, the river and all its inhabitants leave with her. The town has to learn humility and they try to get her to return. A wonderful book with a strong female hero.

Unlike the usual simpering heroine, Lucia is strong, mysterious, natural, and good. Children who are different from others--foreign, language difficulty, intelligence higher or lower--will appreciate how
this stranger bounced back from hurt.

While teaching about stereotyping and bias, I used this book in centers. The students enjoyed it. I used it with I CAN HEAR THE SUN and THE WOMAN WHO OUTSHONE THE SUN. It was great! This book is really fun to show the different ideas of beauty, too. Nice art!

Wonderful story about people in a town who treated someone who seemed different poorly, but in the end realized their mistake and ask for her forgiveness. Traditional tale. Includes spanish and english narrative throughout. Great story, highly recommend.

One of the "Old Stories" kept alive with beautiful illustrations. A great representation of what can be done to keep indigenous stories from disappearing and to keep all children aware of our place in the natural world. I have given away several copies to families as presents and continue to buy more to share ... Such a work of art! - Nancy Beckley, Bend, Oregon

I purchased this book for a lesson for my students on Cinco de Mayo and it was very useful. The students enjoyed it, and it was a very good transaction. The book is in excellent condition and came quickly.

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