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To my grandparents Ángela, Amelia, Eusebio René and Julio and to all the last names in my family tree:
Colato, Laínez, Portillo, Escobar, Macías, Ayala, Alvarenga, Campos, de la O, Chávez, Araniva and González.

—RCL

To Mario, Angélica and Erika for being my inspiration.

—FGR



Para mis abuelos Ángela, Amelia, Eusebio René y Julio y para todos los apellidos en mi árbol genealógico:
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On the first day at my new school, my teacher, Miss Soria, gave me a sticker that said René Colato. The sticker was missing my second last name. Maybe Miss Soria's pen ran out of ink. I took my pencil and added it. Now it looked right: René Colato Laínez.



El primer día en la nueva escuela, mi maestra, Señorita Soria, me dio una calcomanía que decía René Colato. A la calcomanía le faltaba mi segundo apellido. Quizá a la pluma de Señorita Soria se le terminó la tinta. Tomé mi lápiz y lo agregué. Ahora estaba bien: René Colato Laínez.



Dear Class
Anne