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Tito is Hot Stuff!
Bilingual Picture Book a Finalist for Benjamin Franklin Award

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In *Tito, the Firefighter / Tito, el bombero* (ISBN 0-9724973-3-1 Hardcover and ISBN 0-9741992-6-5 Paperback) Tito admires his neighborhood *bomberos* (firefighters). He dreams of being a bombero himself someday. But, he never dreamed that his ability to speak both English and Spanish would actually help the firefighters save the day.

This story is presented with **embedded** Spanish text. A select word is first introduced in English and then reiterated in the same sentence, or in the same paragraph, in Spanish. A keyword vocabulary page is included to jumpstart learning in either language.

Author Tim Hoppey received a B.A. in English and History from Hobart College in Geneva, NY. He has worked as a New York City firefighter for over nineteen years and is stationed in East Harlem, which is the setting for *Tito, the Firefighter / Tito, el bombero*.

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Artwork for this book including cover art and an inside spread can be viewed at: http://www.raventreepress.com/tito_firefighter_home.html.

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