My Pal, Victor / Mi amigo, Víctor
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Two young boys experience carefree friendship despite one boy's disability. Just like two good pals, all this recipe needs is two inside ingredients, roll 'em together and the fun begins.

Tortillas for Two (or Twenty!)

One package of 24 count flour tortillas
Three 15-oz. cans of refried beans
Two large packages of shredded cheese
*Makes 24 servings

Open cans and empty beans into microwave-safe bowl. Warm refried beans in microwave about 2 minutes. Stir and heat again another 15-30 seconds. Repeat the process until the beans are warm and easy to spread. Spread a thin layer of warm beans on individual tortillas with the back of a spoon or plastic knife. Sprinkle a layer of cheese down the center of the tortilla. Carefully roll up the tortilla, or you can fold in half. Heat 3-4 at a time on a paper plate until cheese is melted. Serve warm.

Diane Gonzales Bertrand's picture books include: *My Pal, Victor / Mi amigo, Víctor; Caldo, Caldo, Caldo; The Last Doll; Family/Familia;* and *Uncle Chente's Picnic*. These last two books won best bilingual book awards from the National Latino Literary Hall of Fame. *My Pal, Victor / Mi amigo, Víctor* won ALA's 2005 Schneider Family Award. Diane lives with her family in San Antonio, Texas, where many a tortilla is eaten.

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