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Tito's bilingual ability makes his bombero dreams come true. Firefighters love to heat things up in the kitchen. So we'll make Arañitas (little spiders), Tito's favorite Puerto Rican snack.

Arañitas

5 ripe plantains, peeled and grated
Vegetable oil for frying
Salt to taste
*Serves 5

Grate plantains into long strips. Loosely roll into teaspoon-size balls with strips protruding. Add the plantains to an electric skillet in which 1-1/2 inches of oil have been heated to 375°. Fry until golden, about 3 minutes. As they fry, it looks like the plantains grow legs. Remove from oil and drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with salt. Serve hot!

Tim Hoppey is a New York City firefighter who loves to see the skillet "fired up" for little spider treats. Firefighting has inspired much of his poetry and many of his children's stories. *Tito, the Firefighter / Tito, el bombero* is his first published children's book.

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