



# WONDER NEWS

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to Wonder News! I'm glad to share what I think and do with you! People are welcome to contact me to give me feedback and ideas, and to request to be added to my email list. I will add no one without a request. Feel free to share with others!

## Another Children's Book Class Done!

I've taught this class three times, and each time the class motivation, priorities, and interests are different. I keep learning! I'll be teaching again next Spring. I won't assign homework, except for the last class when each student is to have his/her own children's story ready to share, in whatever phase it is completed.

Writing activities will be done in class without homework, unless there are those who wish extra opportunities. I love this class, and I want my students to like it, too.

## 50LANGUAGES

I continue to write four posts per month in English and Spanish for **50LANGUAGES** I try to include cultural issues as well as language topics, which is what they like. It is a challenge to keep coming up with new ideas, which keeps my brain thinking.



## Profesional de Marca

This month and last I have been working with Ana Rubio-Serrano, who requested to interview me for a professional brand blog she writes and also puts out in pdf format.

This is what the first page looks like:

Ana (Ann) Morris, Profesora-Autora 18 de abril de 2018

## MARCA PERSONAL

Entrevista realizada por Ana Rubio-Serrano, especialista en Storytelling Corporativo

**Galardonada con Prestigiosos Premios**

Award-Wining Bilingual Children's Author & The Mom's Choice Awards son algunos de los prestigiosos premios con los que Ana ha sido galardonada por alcanzar la excelencia en su trabajo en el mundo infantil de las letras.

**Enseñar y Servir**

"Empecé de maestra en un colegio público de EEUU y, de vez en cuando, me pedían que hiciera alguna traducción al español".

"Más tarde trabajé en la oficina de empleo y desempleo en Iowa de forma voluntaria. Era la única representante bilingüe".

**Motivar como Norma**

Los niños son muy impresionables. Reciben nueva información con entusiasmo y aprenden rápidamente. Leer con sus padres es una experiencia formidable para la vinculación emocional. Aprenden juntos. Los niños necesitan modelos positivos en la vida.

**Ana (Ann) Morris**

Ana Morris, así es como le gusta ser llamada cuando se expresa en español. Es profesora y escritora de libros bilingües para niños. Ha ganado los premios, *Award-Wining Bilingual Children's Author* y *The Mom's Choice Awards*, entre otros, como reconocimiento por su amor a su trabajo con los más pequeños. En la actualidad, imparte actividades como talleres de escritura y de marketing editorial.

Fascinada por la lengua española ha ejercido de mediadora con la comunidad latina de EEUU, animando tanto a los más pequeños de la casa como a sus padres a cultivar su lengua nativa y motivándoles a aprender idiomas.

**Ana Rubio-Serrano:** Ana, ¿qué es lo que te empujó a la enseñanza y por qué elegiste el idioma español?

**Ana (Ann) Morris:** Siempre me ha gustado aprender y enseñar. De niña, siempre jugaba a ser maestra. En la High School (el instituto), impartía clases particulares de piano. En la Universidad de Navarra, de clases de inglés a un grupo de cuatro universitarios, en la universidad de Wartburg College (EEUU) fui tutora de estudiantes de español.

Profesionales de Marca

It is five pages long, so you can imagine the depth of the questions. They were about how I came about writing children's books in English and Spanish.

The questions were as specific as how did I decide to focus on Spanish? What kinds of



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activities do I do for children? How is it that I am involved in the Latino community? What is it like for a Latino to integrate in to our culture in the USA, and what are the challenges?

I had a chapter or two for each answer. Nothing just happened. It was all an evolution process. But that's why I'm doing what I do and love it.

Thank you to Ana for the opportunity to evaluate myself and my goals in this way! Ana is from Spain and is also an author and an educator.

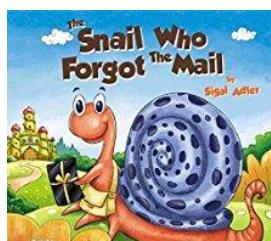


## BOOK REVIEW

**The Snail Who Forgot the Mail, by Sigal Adler**

**4 Stars on Amazon:**

This was a cute story with an important lesson for not only children, but for the adults who read with them.



**Do It Again/Otra vez** has passed the proofing stage of the pdf copy of the compiled book and illustrations. I'm merely awaiting the corrected version. The release is getting nearer!

Meanwhile, I submitted **Grandma's Heart**, my rhyming book in English about my granddaughters. The publisher loved it, so I hope readers do, too!

The next will be **The Very Particular Puppy**, and you've already seen photos of him.

## Ankeny Authors Fair

This is an event I attend each year. There are a large number of authors representing several genres, and the Kirkendall Library treats us very well. All we need to bring is our books! At the past two events, I was approached by two young sisters separately. Each asked many questions and expressed a joy in reading and writing. This year they, another sister, and two friends were all present with a book they had written and published! I was so proud of them!



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I was quite humbled when their mother came to speak with me. I told her I had spoken to the twins and was so pleased about what they had done. She had a dewy look in her eyes and thanked me for encouraging them.



I participated in a blog tour, which I can see is a wonderful way to promote a new book. I don't blog, but I read, reviewed A House Divided, by Diane Stringam Tolley, posted and shared my review in all of my social media sources, and had my webmaster include the information on my website temporarily.

"This book speaks to me as the testament that faith and love give unbelievable strength and hope. Hannah follows none other than a brother of Laman, the Prophet Nephi, a man of peace and wisdom. We see that all mortals are human, but that even some souls bent on anger and hate can be won through love, prayer, and patience."

## Where Are My Books?

My books are available in several locations locally as well as online.

My website will get you a signed book:

[www.authorannmorris.com](http://www.authorannmorris.com)

Facebook Author page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnMorrisChildrensAuthorLanguageConsulting/>

The books are on Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B00C8G2V8S>

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