

★ **Anita and the Dragons****Hannah Carmona****Anna Cunha, Illustrator**

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A Dominican girl with rosy cheeks and a wide imagination narrates this gentle, emigration-centered picture book. She watches ships from her seaside rooftop, and ducks when the shadows of dragons move overhead—even when her brother reminds her that they're just airplanes. No matter: Anita knows how to dream. This helps her to move toward life in a new land, and to say goodbye to the home she treasures. Muted chalk illustrations with spare details help to capture Anita's world and future home.

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