



## **Marti Skarupa** **Dr. Seuss Read Across America 2018**

Marti Skarupa earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Science in Educational Psychology from Kent State University. She has taught children in preschool and Montessori, as well as, ESL (English as a Second Language), and Spanish as a foreign language to young adults in high school. In addition to her teaching job, she has worked as a business interpreter traveling to Mexico, South America, and Spain.

Marti has published travel and human-interest stories in newspapers such as *The Island Packet / The Beaufort Gazette* and *The Newsleader*. (Her latest travel article appeared in *The Island Packet* January 5, 2018 publication.) Her articles have also appeared in magazines including *Travel Africa* published in London, England, *Sunsations* and *The Bluffton Breeze*.

In addition to her published articles, Marti's book, *Look How Lovely!: ¡Mira qué lindo!*, an illustrated bilingual children's book, has received a Readers' Favorite Five Stars Award, as well as, an honorable mention by the International Latino Book Awards.

Adding to the book's honor, the Levine museum in Charlotte, North Carolina, featured it as one of its books for the museum's 2015 -2016 exhibit titled **iNUEVolution!: Latinos and the New South**.

She has presented her book in the Dr. Seuss Read Across America events held at The University of South Carolina's Beaufort campus in 2016 and 2017. Furthermore, the prestigious Santa Elena Historical Museum in Beaufort along with the Bluffton Historical & Preservation Society in South Carolina, recently have promoted Marti's book in their bookstore collection.

In October of 2017, Marti was pleased to have been invited to Lorain Ohio's Literary Week where she spoke on the merits of bilingual literature for children in an interview with Kelly Boyer Sagert, the



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writer/researcher of Emmy – nominated PBS documentary, “Trail Magic: The Grandma gateway Story.”

Marti Skarupa currently splits her time between Ohio, where she enjoys northeast Ohio’s lovely summers and vibrant autumns, and in the winter, South Carolina’s sandy beaches and stunning ocean sunsets.