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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The characters first met in Hurwitz's *Class Clown* and *Teacher's Pet* return here, with the spotlight on Julio Sanchez and the upcoming fifth-grade election. Julio would like to be president, although he lacks the confidence to run. But almost in spite of himself, he demonstrates his ability to lead--rallying his peers to raise money to replace a classmate's broken glasses; convincing the principal that a new rule is unfair--and these efforts are recognized on election day. A few of the novel's events have a facile, fabricated tinge, and for all of Julio's demurrals the election's results seem a foregone conclusion from the start. But even with these weak aspects, Hurwitz's breezy, humorous touch, her feel for the details that matter to grade-schoolers and her focus on a strong Hispanic character carry the day. Ages 7 - up.

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From School Library Journal

Grade 3-5-- Hurwitz scores again with the continuing story of the children first introduced in *Class Clown* (Morrow, 1987), now in the fifth grade and getting acquainted with a new teacher. Julio, known up to now as the class athlete, is the focus of this story, developing new talents as the tale unfolds. Mr. Flores announces that an election for class officers will be held, and the students begin choosing up sides. Julio is immediately interested, but promotes the candidacy of an unenthusiastic Lucas for president instead. As Julio strives on his friend's behalf, his own leadership qualities become more apparent. He organizes a class fund raiser, acts as spokesperson during an interview with the principal, and even respectfully challenges Mr. Flores on how class money is to be spent. These kids live in a well-mannered, harmonious world. Adversity is only hinted at, as when readers discover that Julio's father is "no longer alive." Miscreants are understood and forgiven, and virtue is recognized and rewarded in just the way it always should be. Gently thoughtful and cheerfully humorous, this will make a good read-aloud as well as a satisfying read-alone. --Ruth Semrau, Lovejoy School, Allen, TX

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Review

"Hurwitz keeps the plot moving so that even reluctant readers will be caught early and held."--"School Library Journal"
"A fine choice for children just beginning chapter books."--"SLJ(Starred Review)"

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