

Dear reader,

The book you are about to read was written by Spanish undergraduate students of the World Languages & Cultures department and illustrated by undergraduate students of the School of Art and Design, both from Georgia State University.

This project has been made with my Intermediate Spanish classes and the final product is a result of collaboration by the authors -students who wrote the original stories based on personal experiences-, by the illustrators -Art students who gave life to the stories with a fresh and unique touch-, and by me, who directed and supervised the whole process. This is the English version available for you.

I hope you will find the stories in Serie *Leamos*, appealing, interesting, and enjoyable. Above all, I hope that these stories will help you love reading and

reading in English.

I hope you enjoy it!

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## Bella and her spots

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## Characters



Bella



The Farmer



The Cows

One spring morning a **calf** was born. She was healthy, beautiful, and strong. Her name was Bella.







Bella was different from the other cows. All of the cows were brown or black. She was white with black spots.



Bella tried to hide her **spots** with **mud** to look like everyone else. It didn't work, and now she smells bad.



Bella was very sad. She couldn't get rid of her spots. She couldn't change how she was born. She felt

very alone.



One day the farmer came and took Bella away. He took her to the farm. She thought that it was because of her **spots**. She had been bad and now she is being punished.



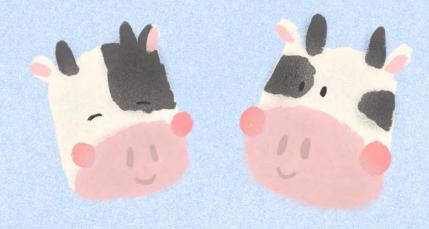


There were **spots** everywhere. **Spots** like hers. She was at a farm with cows similar to herself! They were all very kind. Some of them **complimented** her spots.





Bella was happy that she wasn't alone anymore. She realized that sometimes you think you're the only one in the world that's different, but that's not true.



There's always someone else like you.

The End