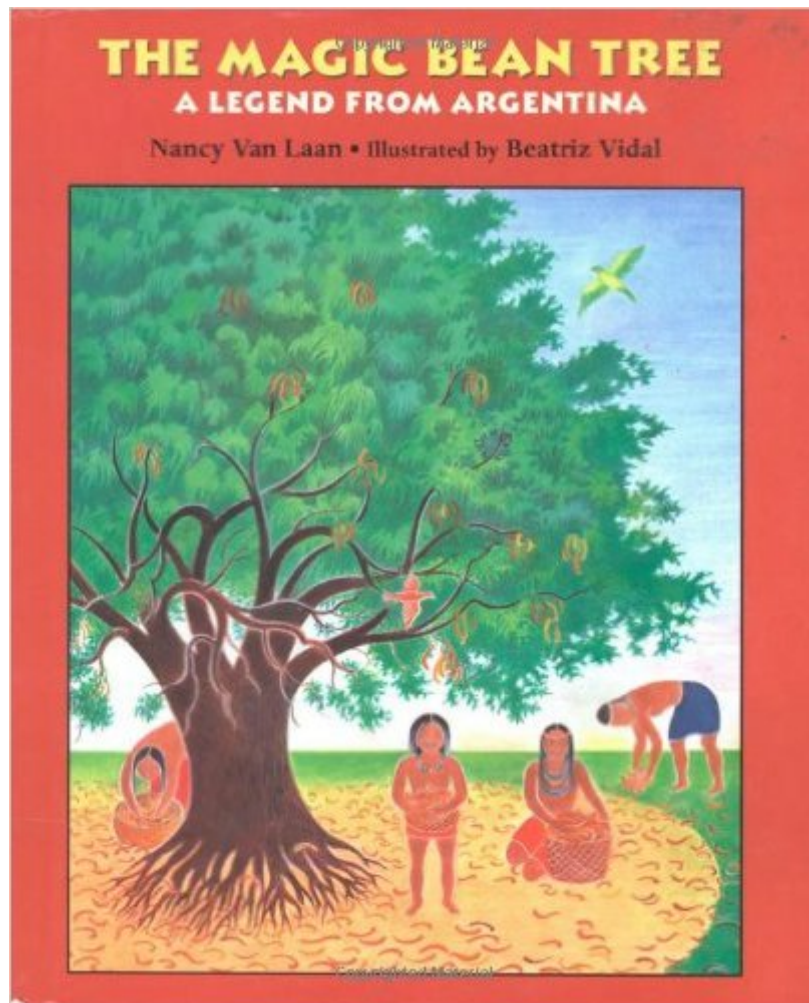


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# The Magic Bean Tree: A Legend From Argentina



## Synopsis

In the middle of the wide Argentine pampas there once grew a magic tree. Above this tree slept a bird so evil it could stop the rain from falling. And not far from this tree lived a brave boy who one day set out to save his village and all the creatures from dying of thirst. Illustrated with charming folk-art-like paintings and retold with simplicity and drama, this legend of a child's courage and faith explains why Argentineans believe that good luck can be found in the shade of a carob tree.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I found the book very interesting. I would disagree with the reading level, however. It could be read by children in grades 2-4, but understood by somewhat younger children. The references to the various gods could be confusing to children who do not have any previous knowledge of them. The pictures are wonderful and the children I read the book to really enjoyed them. It is a great read-aloud book, and one I am going to use with students in grades 2-6 who are in resource reading classes.

An Argentine version of a Quechua story tells how young Topec saved his people from drought by going out in search of rain, aided by the advice of a wise old carob tree. Argentine-born illustrator Beatriz Vidal uses rich colors and a naive style to enhance the mood and setting of this ancient

story.

Wonderful story

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