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**The beautifully illustrated English/Spanish book ...
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The story follows Vicki and her older sister, Valencia, who live in East Harlem. Rotting garbage overwhelms the streets because city sanitation trucks rarely pick up the trash. Determined to make a change, Young Lords start sweeping the streets. Neighbors with brooms jump in eagerly, and Vicki joins them. "You're never too young to make a difference!" her sister says. Together they discover they too can help change their community and the world.

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