

What would you do if you had super speed? In *Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off*, a boy receives a mysterious box with super-powered purple sneakers. From that day on, Freddie searches for ways to be a superhero. But can you be a hero and still go to elementary school? That's Freddie's challenge as he tries to help his friends and family at Starwood Park. The following song, "Sneakers with Power," tells how Freddie races the train.

SNEAKERS WITH POWER: THE BALLAD OF FREDDIE RAMOS

by Jacqueline Jules

**The train zooms by at Starwood Park.
All day long and when it's dark.
A boy named Freddie likes to race.
He hears the train, picks up his pace.**

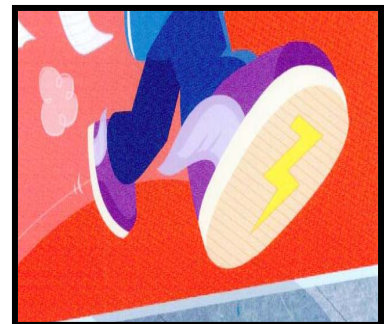
CHORUS:

**And he's got super *zapatos!*
Sneakers with power!
Freddie Ramos,
Boy of the hour!**

**Freddie's off in a wisp of smoke.
The train is left, a sad slowpoke.
With super speed, doing good,
Freddie's a hero in his neighborhood.**

CHORUS:

**And he's got super *zapatos!*
Sneakers with power!
Freddie Ramos,
Boy of the hour!**



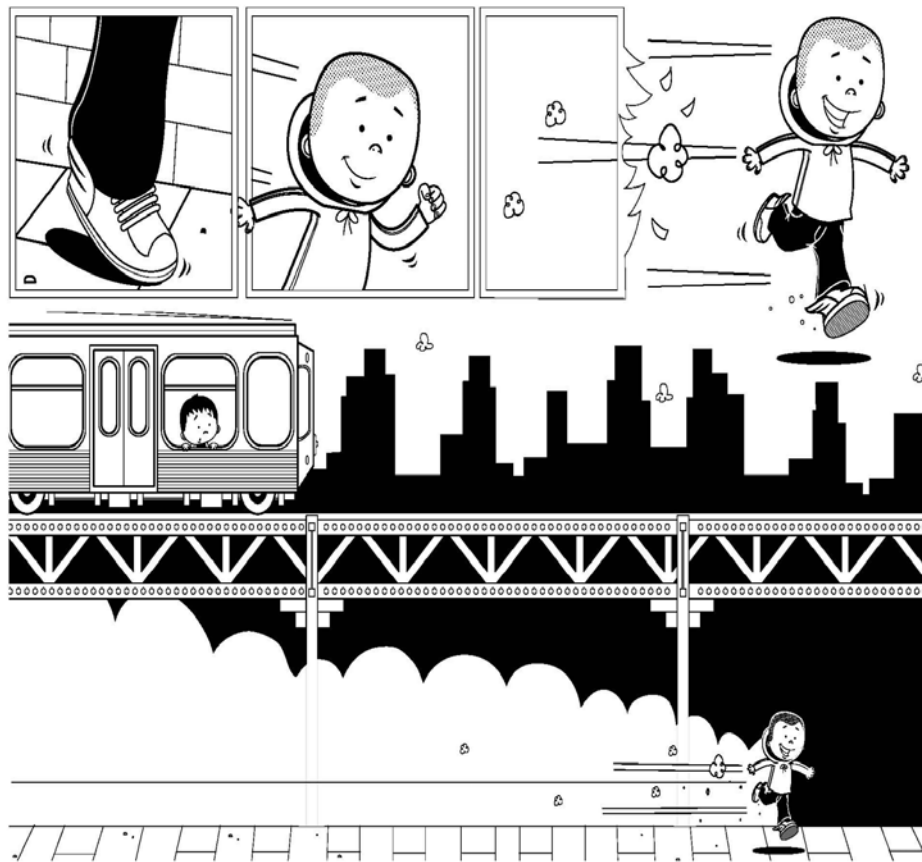
Sneakers with Power

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QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG READERS:

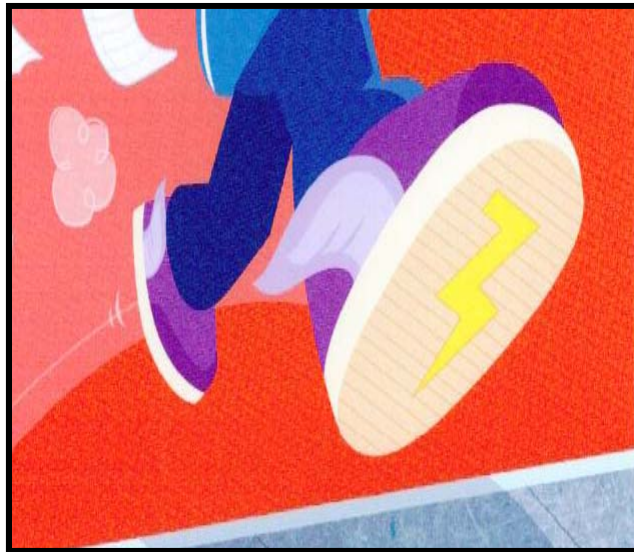
- How do you feel when you put on brand new sneakers? Do you ever feel your new shoes will make you run faster than ever before?
- If you could have only one super power, what would it be? Super speed? Super vision? Super strength? Super hearing? Invisibility? What power would be the most useful in your life?
- What kind of problems would you have at your elementary school if you had super powers? Would you keep your powers a secret from your teachers and friends?
- What would you do if you had super powers? Who would you try to help? Where would you find hero jobs?
- If you were a superhero, would you want to wear a costume?



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Throughout the book, Freddie zooms from one place to another with his super powered shoes. Encourage young readers to chant “Zoom, Zoom Zapato” during a read aloud by holding up the sign on the following page.

ZOOM! ZOOM! ZAPATO!



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