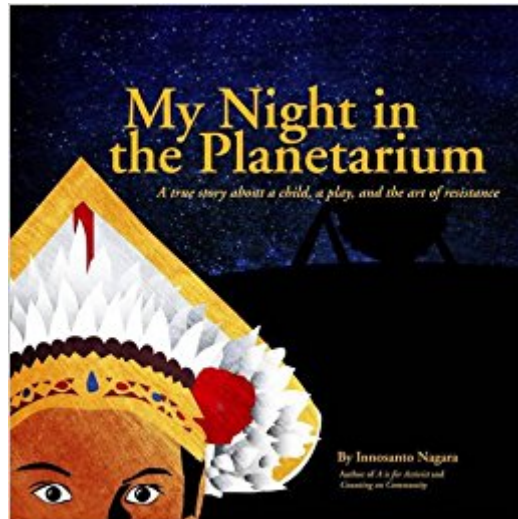




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Synopsis

From the author/illustrator of the bestseller *A is for Activist* comes *My Night in the Planetarium*, a high-adventure, true story from his childhood in Indonesia. The thrill of spending the night in a museum is the capstone to a story ultimately about free speech, political progress, and artistic defiance. Featuring Inno's gorgeous art style recognizable from *A is for Activist*, *Counting on Community*, and his joyous activism, *My Night in the Planetarium* cleverly and humorously combines history, geography, politics, and activism in an adventure story of childhood wonder, political resistance, and familial connection. Seven year-old Innosanto's father, a famous Indonesian playwright, is in trouble with the government for his newest play's unfavorable portrayal of governmental power and corruption. After a rousing performance at a large theater complex which also houses the Jakarta Planetarium, Innosanto's father manages to sneak out of town to avoid arrest while Innosanto and his mother spend an exciting night sleeping under the stars in the Jakarta Planetarium. A beautiful introduction to the history and culture of Indonesia, *My Night at the Planetarium* is an engaging, thought-provoking starting point for a discussion of colonialism, political corruption, and artistic resistance.

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