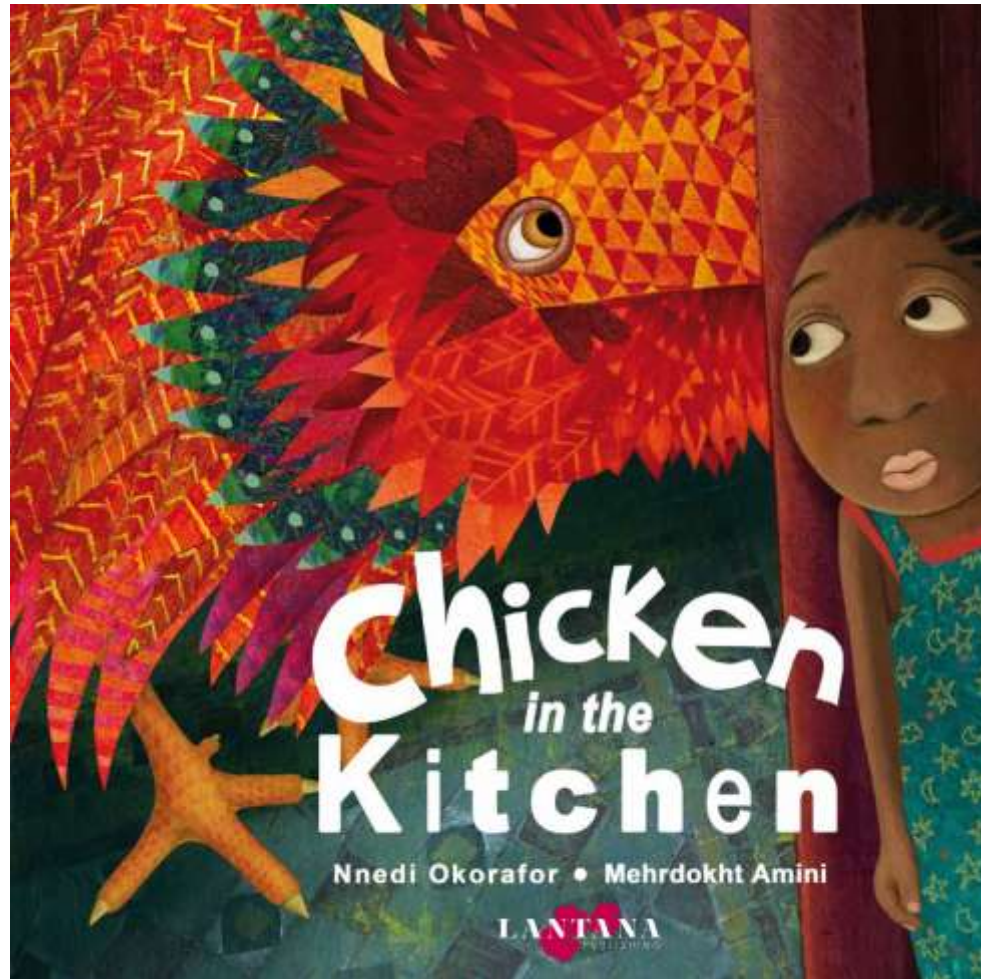


**#NTM2017 Premiere: *Una gallina en la cocina/Chicken in the Kitchen*
A Children's Book by Nnedi Okorafor, Illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini**



Another #NTM2017 premiere: we're delighted to present excerpts from the gorgeous, award-winning children's book *Una gallina en la cocina/Chicken in the Kitchen* by Nnedi Okorafor, illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini, published recently by [Lantana Publishing](#). Released in Spanish and English versions, the book has won the prestigious Children's Africana Best Book Award 2016, it was placed on the White Ravens Honour List in 2016, and it was nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal 2017. *Chicken in the Kitchen* offers a unique window onto a West African culture from the perspective of a young Nigerian girl who finds the courage to protect the traditions she loves. Her enchanting, evocatively illustrated adventure will capture the imaginations of young and old alike. It surely captured ours.

—*Claudia Serea and Loren Kleiman*





Nnedi Okorafor is a multi award-winning novelist born in the US to Nigerian parents. Her adult novel *Who Fears Death* won the World Fantasy Award for Best Novel; her YA novel *Zahrah the Windseeker* won the Wole Soyinka Prize for African Literature and her children's novel *Long Juju Man* won the Macmillan Writer's Prize for Africa. Nnedi is an Associate Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Buffalo, New York.



Mehrdokht Amini is an Iranian children's book illustrator living in England. She began her career at the University of Tehran and, after moving to England in 2004, has illustrated picturebooks for publishers around the world. Notably, one of her picturebooks, *Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns*, written by Hena Khan, was selected for the 2013 Association of Library Services for Children's notable children's booklist.