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Friends From The Other Side / Amigos Del Otro Lado



Synopsis

"Did you come from the other side? You know, from Mexico?" So begins the friendship between Prietita and Joaqu  n, the young boy who, with his mother, has crossed the Rio Grande River to Texas in search of a new life. Prietita, a brave young Mexican American girl, defends Joaqu  n from the neighborhood kids who taunt him with shouts of "mojado" or "wetback." But what can she do to protect Joaqu  n and his mother from the Border Patrol as the van cruises slowly up the street toward their hiding place? Writer Gloria Anzald  a is a major Mexican American literary voice. Illustrator Consuelo M  ndez is a noted Latin American artist. Both grew up in South Texas. In this, their first collaboration, they have captured not only the hardship of daily life on the border, but also the beauty of the landscape and the dignity and generosity of spirit that the Mexican Americans and the Mexican immigrants share.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Friends from the Other Side tells the heart- warming story of two children living on opposite sides of the southern US border who become unlikely friends out of curiosity and circumstance. As the two children become familiar with each other, the reader also becomes familiar with cultural differences within the Latino culture itself and with the daily hardships faced by families that live near the border. The book informs and educates the reader about these children's cultural issues by keeping the

reader interested in the true to life plot and using realistic culturally significant illustrations. While the story reveals that life is hard for the characters, in the end it remains a story about triumph and friendship. This leaves readers of the same culture with a sense of pride for their heritage and others feeling good after reading the book.

I believe that children, when they reach second grade, begin to understand that there are people of different nationalities in our country. Friends from the Other Side discussed about the Mexican immigrants and how they strive to find a better life in this country. This story teaches children to appreciate what they have because there are many children who are not as fortunate. It also teaches children to criticize and make fun of others like Joaquin is wrong because they might be going through a difficult time in their lives.

this book is one of the great book. It teach many lessons to children. One is to teach children to help those who are less fortunate. Furthermore, this book teach children to be brave and made their own decision upon what is right rather than follow the crowd. I think if the book change the character's race like make Prietita a white kid and helping a mexican boy, this book will teach the children another lesson that helping is regardless of race and sex.

Children's book Friends from the other side is a well composed saga depicting daily struggles of a young Mexican girl Prietita. Written in Spanish and English it serves as a valuable teaching tool in a bilingual classroom. Nearly all immigrant children face substantial social adjustments and academic learning problems because they do not share the language and the culture of the dominant group that is built into the school system. Hopefully, many children will get in posession of this bilingual book that highlights importance of friendship and will become the active participants in their own development.

This book was a very well written book which I think parents should encourage their children to read. It deals with illegal immigrants from Mexico. It teaches children about being tolerant, accepting, generous, and standing up for what is right. I think it teaches a good lesson for all children and parents.

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