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Synopsis

A Mexican "Grapes of Wrath," based on a family story, from the award-winning author of Riding Freedom.Esperanza Ortega tiene todos los tesoros que una chica pueda desear: hermosos vestidos, una linda casa llena de sirvientes en MÃƒÂ©xico, y la promesa de que un dÃƒÂ- a llegarÃƒÂ¡ a presidir el Rancho como su mamÃƒÂ¡. Pero una tragedia inesperada destruye ese sueÃƒÂ o, obligando a Esperanza y a su madre a escapar a California dÃƒÂ nde tendrÃƒÂ¡n que trabajar en una finca junto a otros mexicanos. AllÃƒÂ- tendrÃƒÂ¡ que olvidar su pasado y enfrentarse a las nuevas realidades de su vida: trabajo duro, aceptaciÃƒÂ n y dificultades econÃƒÂ micas. Esperanza descubrirÃƒÂ¡ que la verdadera riqueza estÃƒÂ¡ en la familia y la comunidad.

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Customer Reviews

Told in a lyrical, fairy tale - like style, Ryan's (riding Freedom) robust novel set in 1930 captures a Mexican girl's fall from riches, her immigration to California and her growing awareness of class and ethnic tensions. Thirteen-year-old Esperanza Ortega and her family are part of Mexico's wealthy, land-owning class in Aguascalientes, Mexico. Her father is a generous and well-loved man who gives his servants land and housing. Early in the novel, bandits kill Esperanza's father, and her corrupt uncles threaten to usurp their home. Their servants help her and her mother flee to the

United States, but they must leave Esperanza's beloved Abuelita (grandmother) behind until they can send for her. Ryan poetically conveys Esperanza's ties to the land by crafting her story to the rhythms of the seasons. Each chapter's title takes its name from the fruits Esperanza and her countrymen harvest, firs in Aguascalientes, then in California's San Joaquin Valley. Ryan fluidly juxtaposes world events (Mexico's post-revolution tensions, the arrival of Oklahoma's Dust Bowl victims and the struggles between the U.S. government and Mexican workers trying to organize) with one family's will to survive - while introducing readers to Spanish words and Mexican customs. Readers will be swept up by vivid descriptions of California dust storms or by the police crackdown on a labor strike ("The picket signs lay on the ground, discarded, and like a mass of marbles that had already been hit, the strikers scattered?"). Ryan delivers subtle metaphors via Abuelita's pearl's of wisdom, and not until story's end will readers recognize how carefully they have been strung. Ages 9-14. (Oct.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 6-9-Ryan uses the experiences of her own Mexican grandmother as the basis for this compelling story of immigration and assimilation, not only to a new country but also into a different social class. Esperanza's expectation that her 13th birthday will be celebrated with all the material pleasures and folk elements of her previous years is shattered when her father is murdered by bandits. His powerful stepbrothers then hold her mother as a social and economic hostage, wanting to force her remarriage to one of them, and go so far as to burn down the family home. Esperanza's mother then decides to join the cook and gardener and their son as they move to the United States and work in California's agricultural industry. They embark on a new way of life, away from the uncles, and Esperanza unwillingly enters a world where she is no longer a princess but a worker. Set against the multiethnic, labor-organizing era of the Depression, the story of Esperanza remaking herself is satisfyingly complete, including dire illness and a difficult romance. Except for the evil uncles, all of the characters are rounded, their motives genuine, with class issues honestly portrayed. Easy to booktalk, useful in classroom discussions, and accessible as pleasure reading, this well-written novel belongs in all collections.Francisca Goldsmith, Berkeley Public Library, CA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

this book has been amazing to read, i found myself on the verge of tears at times just imagining a young girl going through harsh struggles in life like Esperanza after only knowing a pampered life.

the story is captivating to say the least. the way it’s written is great for kids that have an expanded vocabulary, 4 years and up according to the description product detail seems a bit young. it’s perfect for older kids about 8 years and up, teens and even adults like myself that LOVE reading award winning kid’s books so that I can buy or recommend for family and friends.

This book is based on a true story. My 5th grader was assigned to read this in class so I read along with him. What a wonderful story of perseverance, love, family and determination. Esperanza was a spoiled rich girl from Mexico. With one tragedy, her entire world if turned upside down. She is forced to flea to America and become a working peasant. She has many struggles while learning how to work for everything she needs. She also has an amazing support system in her family and friends. This book depicts life of an immigrant during the great depression in the fields of California.

I love this book. It is by far my favorite book. The author is amazing the way she writes. You visualize everything that is going on. Esperanza goes through many ups-and-downs and is faced with many challenges. The themes in this book are many of which our youth can learn from. My fourth grade students read this book for our Literature Circles. It is seems to still be their favorite of the six we usually read throughout the year. I highly recommend you read this book.

What a great book! Yes, it’s written for a young adult audience, but I loved it, too. Lots of Spanish in this but it’s always immediately translated. I like the fact that the reader is exposed to another language. This book is sometimes sweet, sometimes heartbreaking, but always inspirational. It would be a good book especially for people who are called on to rise above their circumstances. I think it would be very encouraging.

Esperanza Rising, written by Pam MuÃƒÂ oz Ryan, is a story of love, loss, and hope, set in Mexico during the 1930Ãƒâ€šÃ â ¬Ã â„¢s, just after the Mexican Revolution. Esperanza Ãƒâ€šÃ â ¬Ã â œ the main character Ãƒâ€šÃ â ¬Ã â œ is a young girl living on her familyÃƒâ€šÃ â ¬Ã â„¢s well-established vineyard in Aguascalientes, Mexico. Compared to those around them, Esperanza and her family live a very wealthy and lavish lifestyle, full of finer things. Raised by her loving parents, Ramona and Sixto Ortega, Abuelita (her grandmother), and long-time servants Hortensia and Alfonso, Eperanza has grown accustomed to her life with parties, her lovely dresses, dolls, and everyone treating her like the princess she believes she is. However, everything Esperanza has ever known comes crashing down around her when bandits attack and kill her father on the eve of

her 13th birthday. Now, Esperanza, her mother Ramona, and Abuelita had a dilemma and a tough decision to make. Since her father ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ the head of the household ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ was no longer living and able to take care of them, EsperanzaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s mother could not take his place, so they only had two options; Ramona could choose to stay and marry her husbandÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s evil, money-hungry brother, or they could take a risk, and go with Hortensia, Alfonso, and their son Miguel to America, the land of opportunity. In hopes to give themselves a better life than what they would have if they stayed in Mexico, Esperanza and her mother make the long and dangerous journey to America with their friends, leaving behind Abuelita because she was too weak. They promised each other that they would be reunited again soon. Coming to America is a major change from what Esperanza and her mother are used to, and it proves to be especially hard on Esperanza. Now she is an equal to the servants she once had, working long hours with little pay. When her mother suddenly becomes ill with a life-threatening disease, Esperanza shows everyone the woman she is becoming, working hard despite her frustrations and challenges. She holds onto hope (the meaning of her name), saving up enough money to bring Abuelita home and to pay her motherÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s steadily rising medical bills. With the story being set in the Depression era, this is not an easy task, especially for someone of EsperanzaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s age. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“He who falls today may rise tomorrowÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• is a Mexican proverb quoted at the beginning of the book, and its meaning rings true to the story of Esperanza. Esperanza Rising is the coming-of-age story of a girl who loses practically everything and everyone she loves, and just when she reaches her lowest point, she finds a way to rise again, overcome her obstacles, and find joy and happiness in her new home with the people she cares most about. Pam MuÃƒÂ oz Ryan writes the story from the perspective of Esperanza, and the book has a wise and poetic but still light style to it, almost as though the reader is right there maturing alongside Esperanza; RyanÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s writing draws the reader in well. The book also offers an insightful look inside the Hispanic culture, with references and translations throughout the book. In the ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“About the AuthorÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• section at the end of the book, Pam MuÃƒÂ oz Ryan states that her grandmother especially influenced her writing, and that Esperanza Rising is based on her immigration story. A Pura BelprÃƒÂ© Award Winner, Esperanza Rising is a well-written story of kindness and determination that can be enjoyed by an audience of all ages. From the time it starts, it is hard to put down and you will never want it to end ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ a definite page-turner! I would highly recommend this book to anyone for pleasure or as an educational tool, as it offers a wonderful and thoughtful look inside a different culture and time period.

This book was introduced to me by my step-daughter... She was reading it in school.... She told me a little about it and it made me want to read it... I am glad to say it did... It made me cry and laugh, smile and remember the stories my grandfather told me about when they, my family, were migrant workers going from field to field... I would recommend this book to everyone... Enjoy as I did!!!!

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