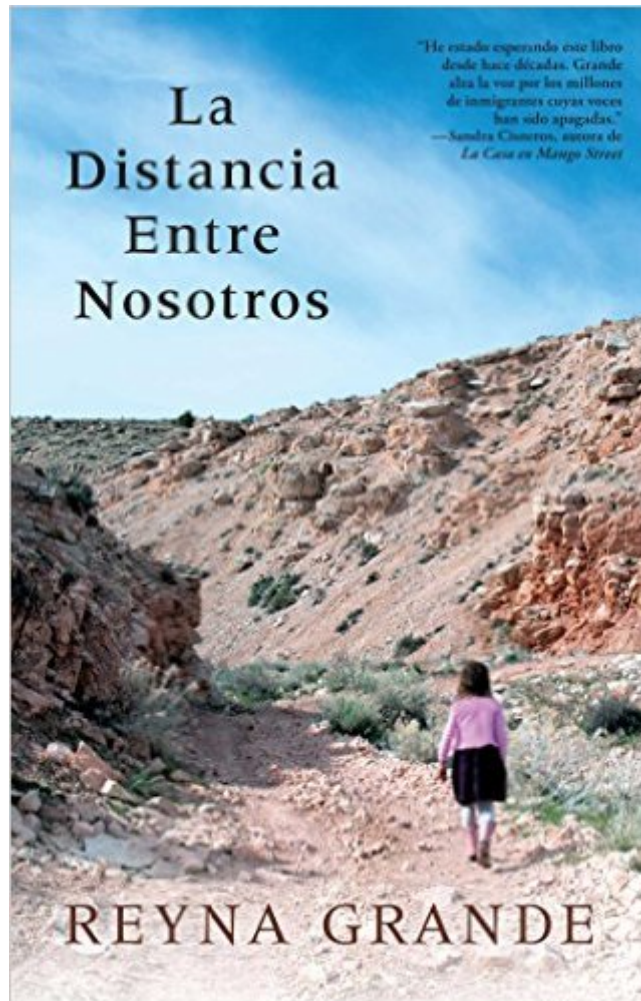


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La Distancia Entre Nosotros (Atria Espanol) (Spanish Edition)



Synopsis

From the award-winning author of *Across a Hundred Mountains*. Cuando el padre de Reyna Grande deja a su esposa y sus tres hijos atrás en un pueblo de México para hacer el peligroso viaje a través de la frontera a los Estados Unidos, promete que pronto regresará con el dinero suficiente para construir la casa de sus sueños. Sus promesas se vuelven más difíciles de creer cuando los meses de espera se convierten en años. Cuando se lleva a su esposa para reunirse con él, Reyna y sus hermanos son depositados en el hogar ya sobrecargado de su abuela paterna, Evila, una mujer endurecida por la vida. Los tres hermanos se ven obligados a cuidar de sí mismos. En los juegos infantiles encuentran una manera de olvidar el dolor del abandono y a resolver problemas de adultos. Cuando su madre regresa, la reunión sienta las bases para un capítulo nuevo y dramático en la vida de Reyna: su propio viaje a El otro lado para vivir con el hombre que ha poseído su imaginación durante años "su padre ausente. En esta memoria extraordinaria, la galardonada escritora Reyna Grande le da vida a sus años tumultuosos, capturando la confusión y las contradicciones de una infancia dividida entre dos padres y dos países. Sólo en los libros, en la música y en su rica imaginación ella encontraría consuelo, un refugio momentáneo de un mundo en el que cada lugar se siente como El otro lado. La distancia entre nosotros capta el paso de una niña a la infancia a la adolescencia y más allá. Una divertida, lárica, pero desgarradora historia, nos recuerda que las alegrías y las tristezas de la infancia están siempre con nosotros, impresas en el corazón, recordándonos de ese lugar que fue nuestro primer hogar.

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Customer Reviews

For all of us who are children of Mexican immigrants , we thank Reyna for giving voice to our common experience in such a profoundly moving novel. Anyone who wants to understand those experiences should read this book

This book was a very good account of a young girl and her family caught on both sides of the border and the struggles they face when they choose to live a better more beautiful life on "the other side". Written in a simple almost spoken style, it is a great way to practice reading in Spanish while also deepening one's knowledge of Mexican life in a small impoverished village called Iguala in the Mexican state of Guerrero. The second part is an account of how the same family emigrates to the US with the help of a coyote and the struggles they face trying to make it in Los Angeles. I thought that the end was cut a bit short and could have included more details about how the girl (the author) succeeds in her career and personal life.

Have been reading "Distancia" with private Spanish language student. Besides being an excellent linguistic exercise, it is proving to be a touching story that brings to life some of the reality associated with immigration.

La autora escribe de una manera clara, natural y honesta. No podÃa dejar de leer. La historia me conmoviÃ , pues aunque yo no he tenido la necesidad de emigrar al otro lado, la vida de Reyna en MÃxico, me recordÃ mi infancia, que aunque en condiciones diferentes, comparti mos una misma cultura. Es una historia que me hizo llorar y valorar todo lo que he tenido y a la vez poder entender a todos esos migrantes, sus ganas de salir adelante y su busqueda del sueÃ o americano. Una historia verdadera que incluye fotos . Me encantÃ esta novela. Gracias Reyna por compartir tan clara y honestamente tu experiencia.

La historia verdadera de una familia separada por sus retos financieros. Tambien, una a historia de abuso, de tristeza, de esperanza y finalmente de exito. Si no gana el Premio de Pulitzer, me dara una gran sorpresa. Es una inspiracion para todos.

Excelente novela. Me la leí de una sentada y sin respirar. I read it and I loved it. Reyna Grande writes with passion and love and great clarity about a very difficult time in her life in a way that made me relate to her, not so much because I had experienced anything remotely similar, but because I am trying to write my mother's and my own memories in a way that is truthful, loving and helpful as well as entertaining for those who read it. She managed to accomplish that extremely well. I chose to read her own translation of "The Distance Between Us" in Spanish because I was curious to see how well it sounded to me. I usually get very frustrated with works that are not originally written in either language, but I am happy to share with you that I had a wonderful time reading and the translation never got in the way of my enjoyment. I truly believe it is an excellent novel that is very well translated!

This autobiography in Spanish is poignant, entertaining and educational. It's a co-incidence that the town of Igual, where Reyna Grande spent her early years, is the same town where more than 20 students were murdered. You'll gain an understanding of how poor the small, remote and rural areas of Mexico are, and why residents are so desperate to come to the US.

I've enjoyed it very much. I would recommend this book to my friends because it is a picture of what many people have been facing to get a better life.

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