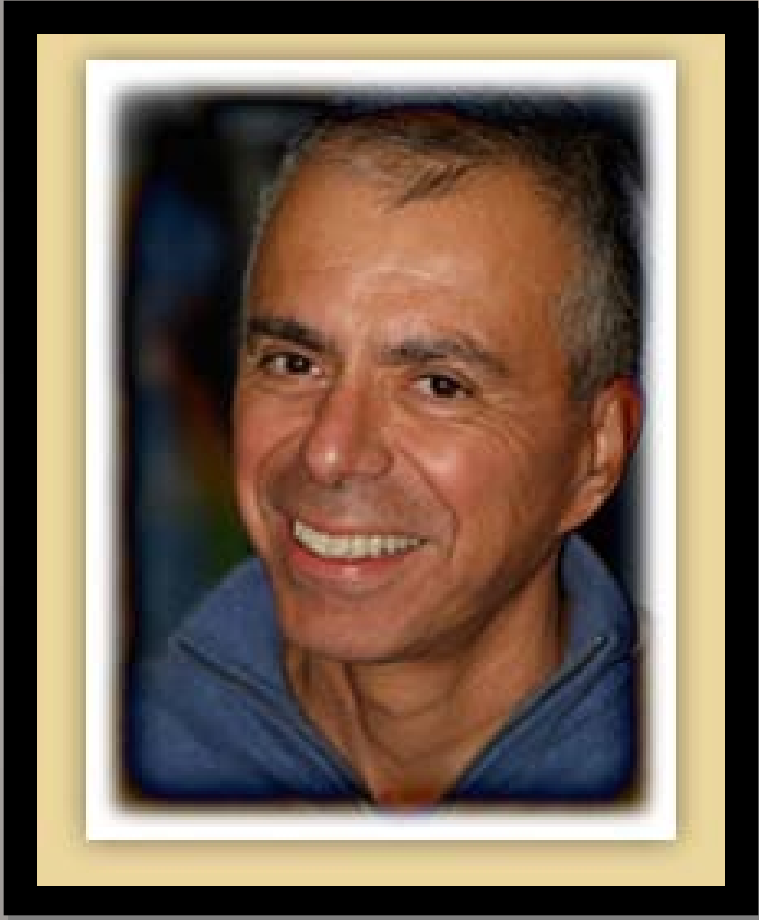


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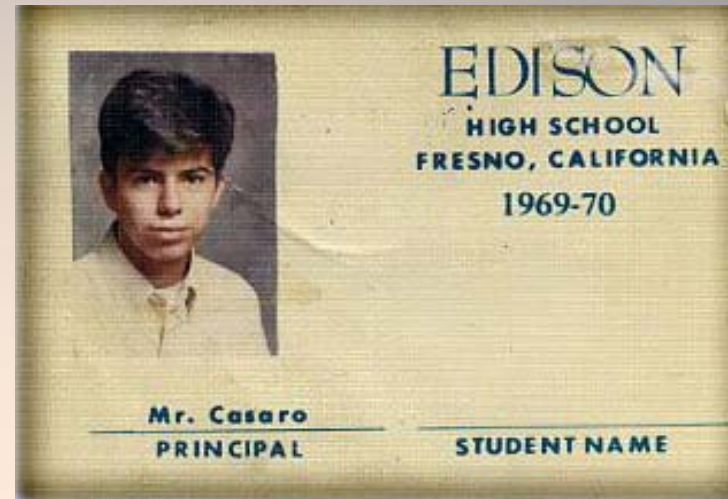
Gary Soto



- Gary Soto is an award winning author who grew up in one of the barrios of Fresno, California.
- He has written more than 20 books of poetry and over 30 books of fiction.
- His works tell of the daily trials and tribulations of Spanish-speaking Americans.

Quotes from Gary Soto

“I graduated from high school with something like a 1.6 GPA.”



“But while in high school I discovered the works of Hemingway, Steinbeck, Jules Verne, Robert Frost and Thornton Wilder.”

In short, I was already thinking like a poet, already filling myself with literature.”

“I’m a cheerleader for reading,”



“which I see as the only possible avenue to intellectual growth,”



“not to mention the great pleasure that reading offers.”





“You can always spot bright people.”

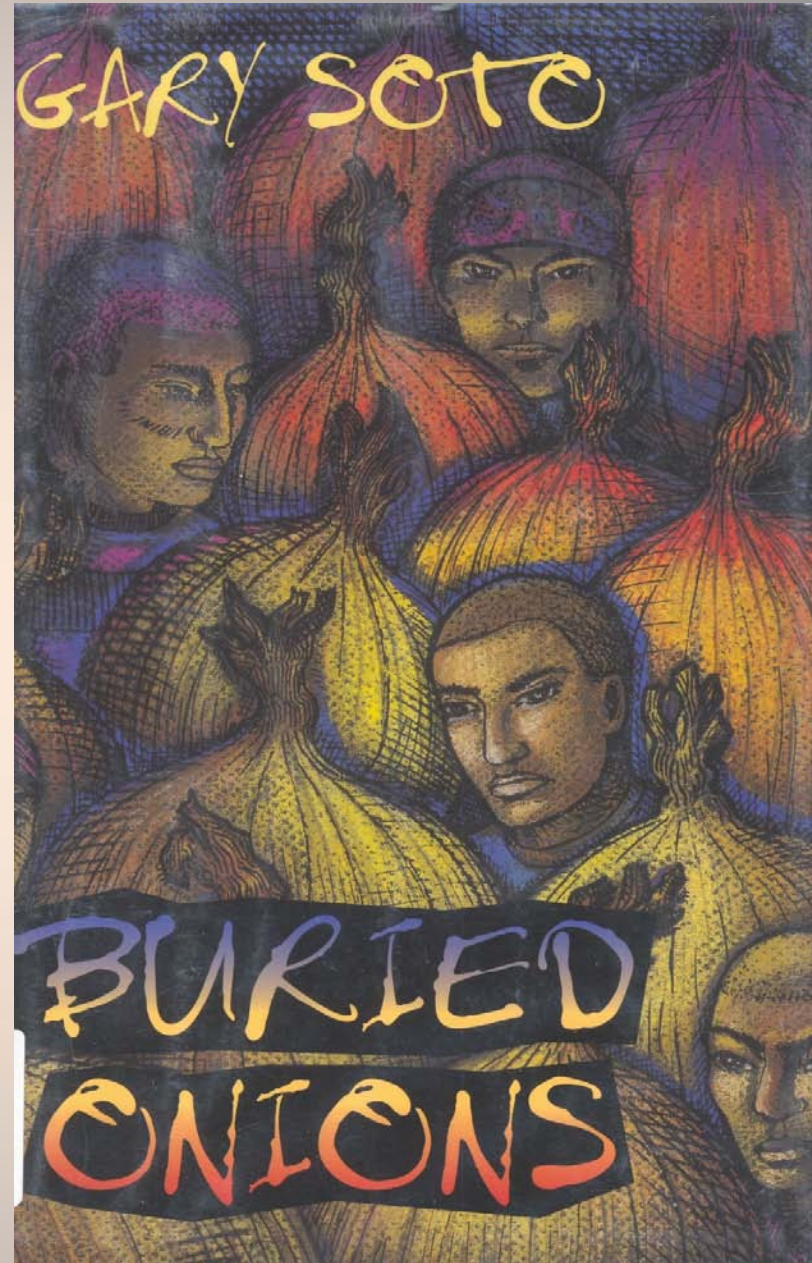
“They are reading a book.”

-Gary Soto



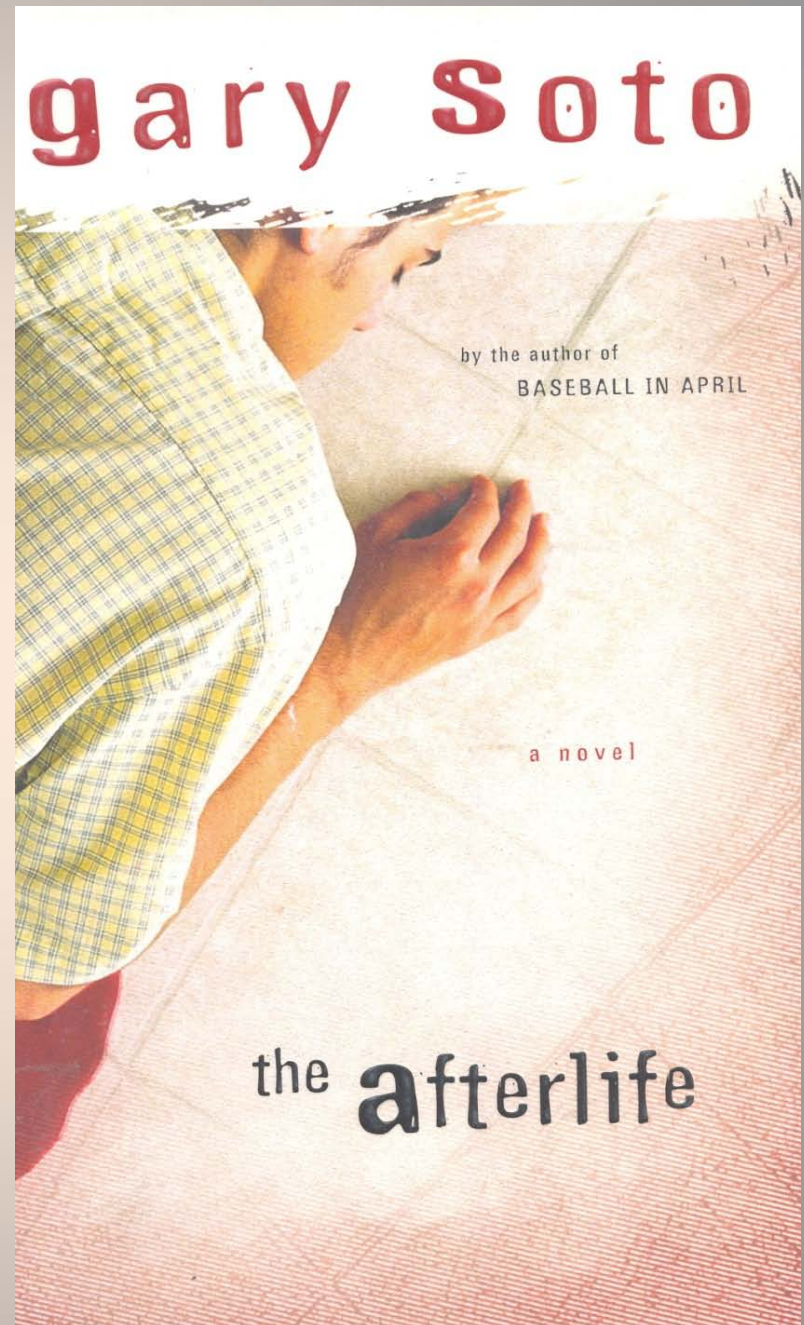
Buried Onions

When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican American living in a violence-infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.



The Afterlife

- Sequel to *Buried Onions*.
- A senior at East Fresno High School lives on as a ghost after his brutal murder in the restroom of a club where he had gone to dance.



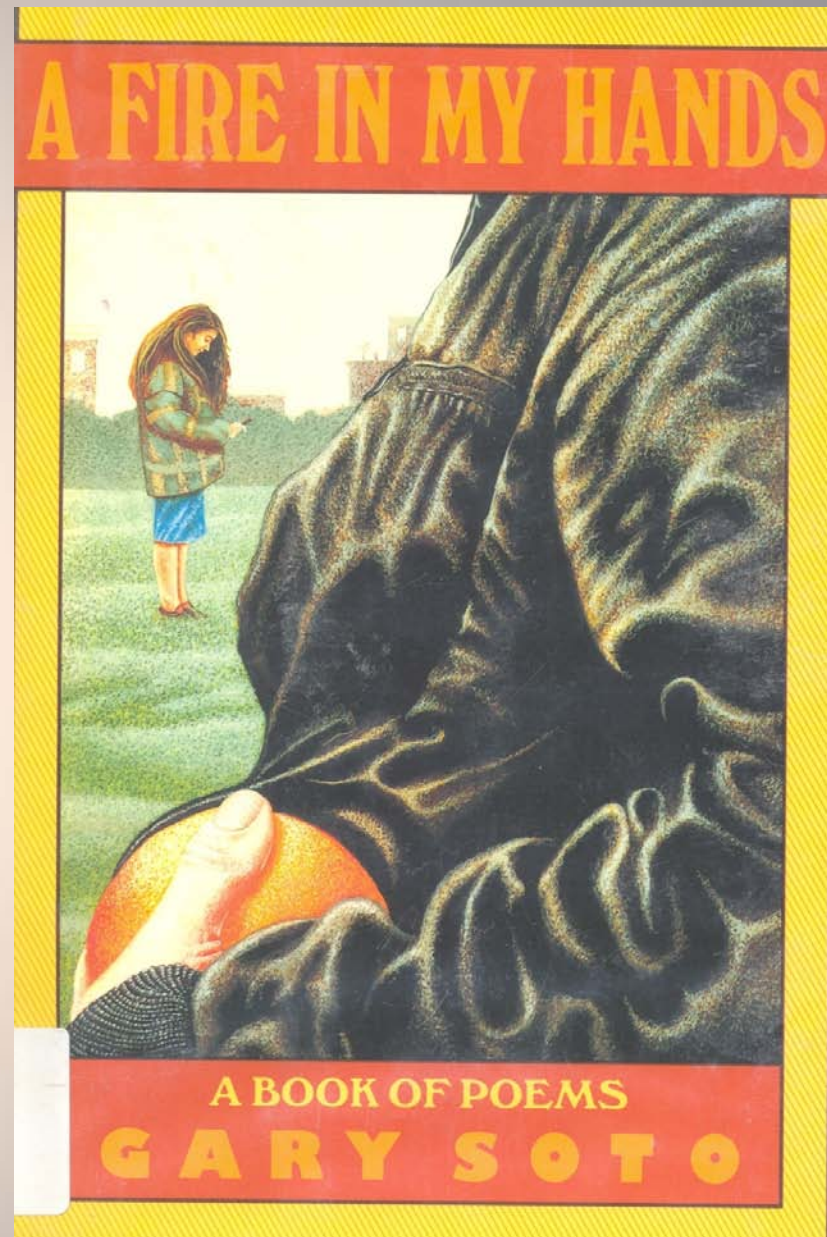
Crazy Weekend

After their photograph of a robbery is published in the newspaper, Hector and Mando find themselves pursued by two goofy thieves.



A Fire in My Hands

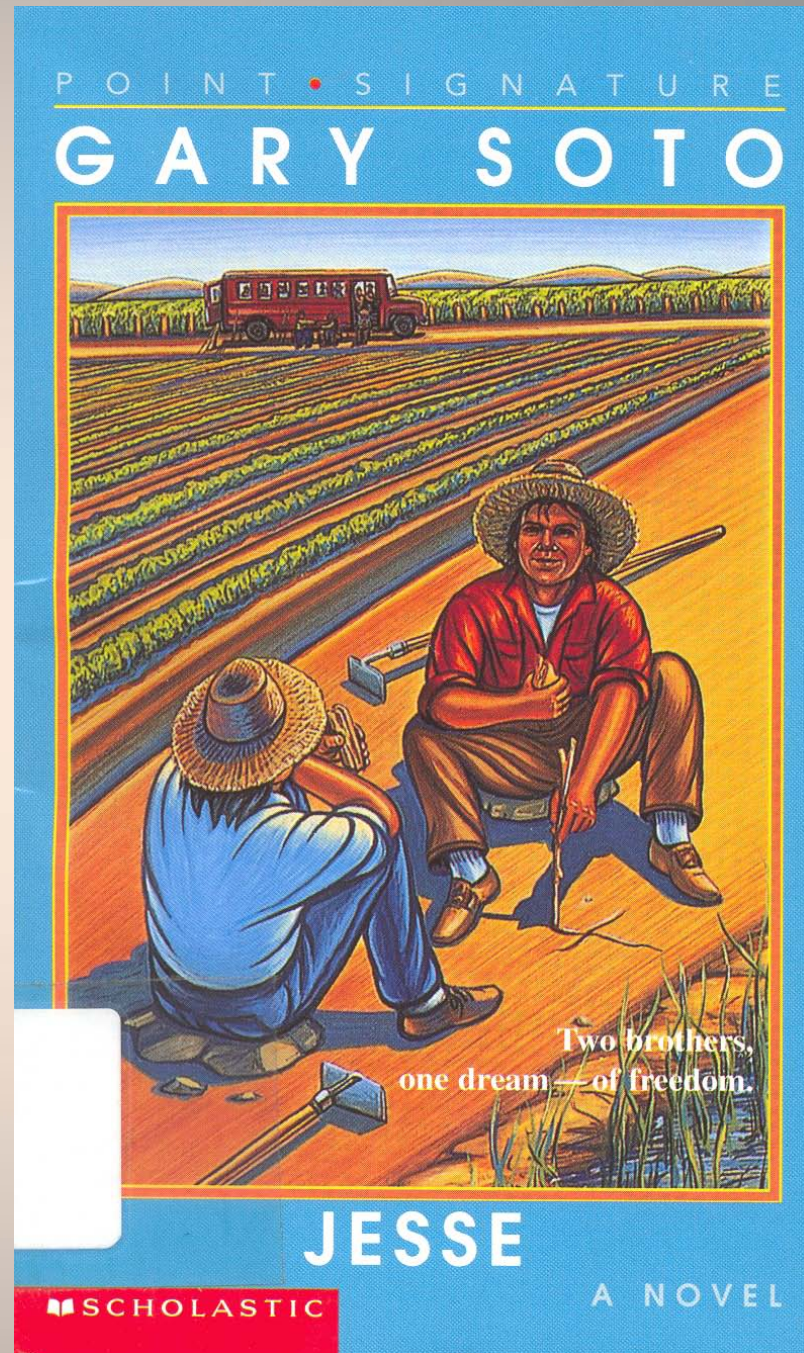
Gary Soto draws from his own youth in California's Central Valley to portray the joys and sorrows of young people. His writing focuses on Latino characters, yet speaks to readers of all ethnicities.



Jesse

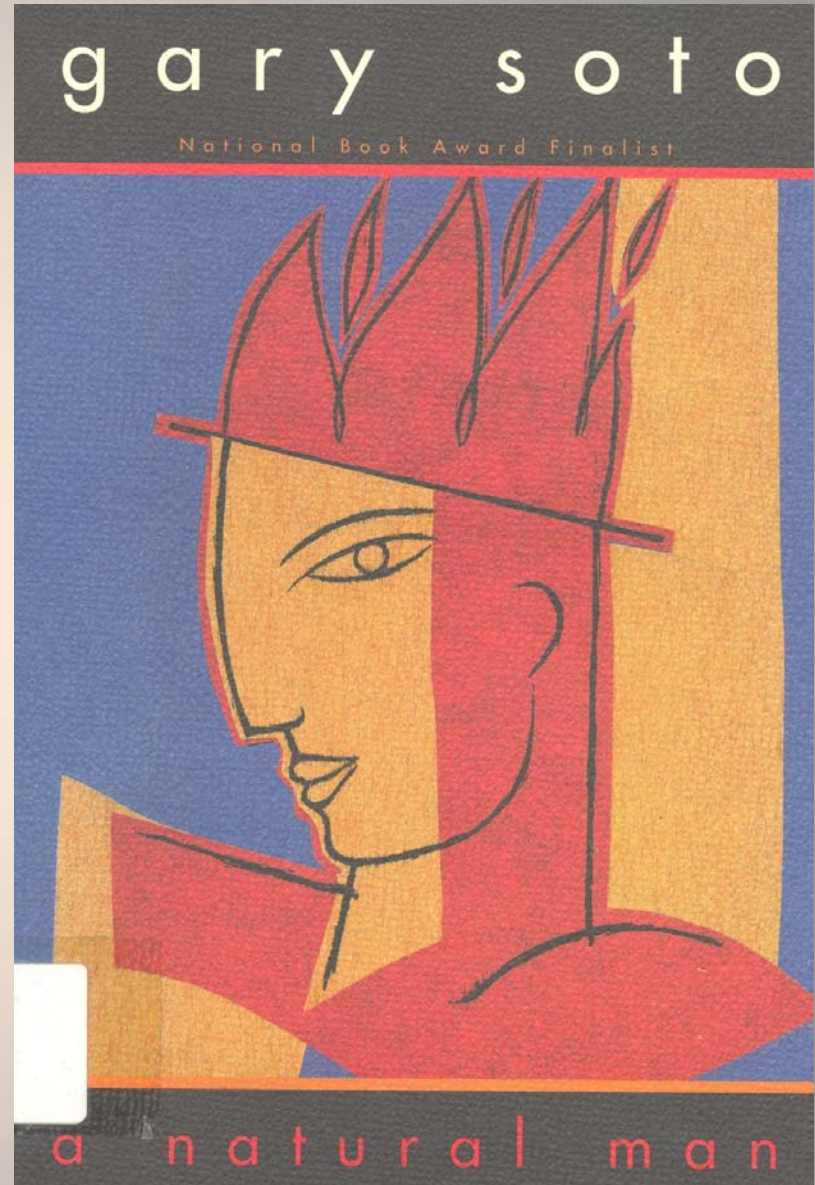
Two Mexican American brothers hope that junior college will help them escape their heritage of tedious physical labor.

Gary Soto's favorite.



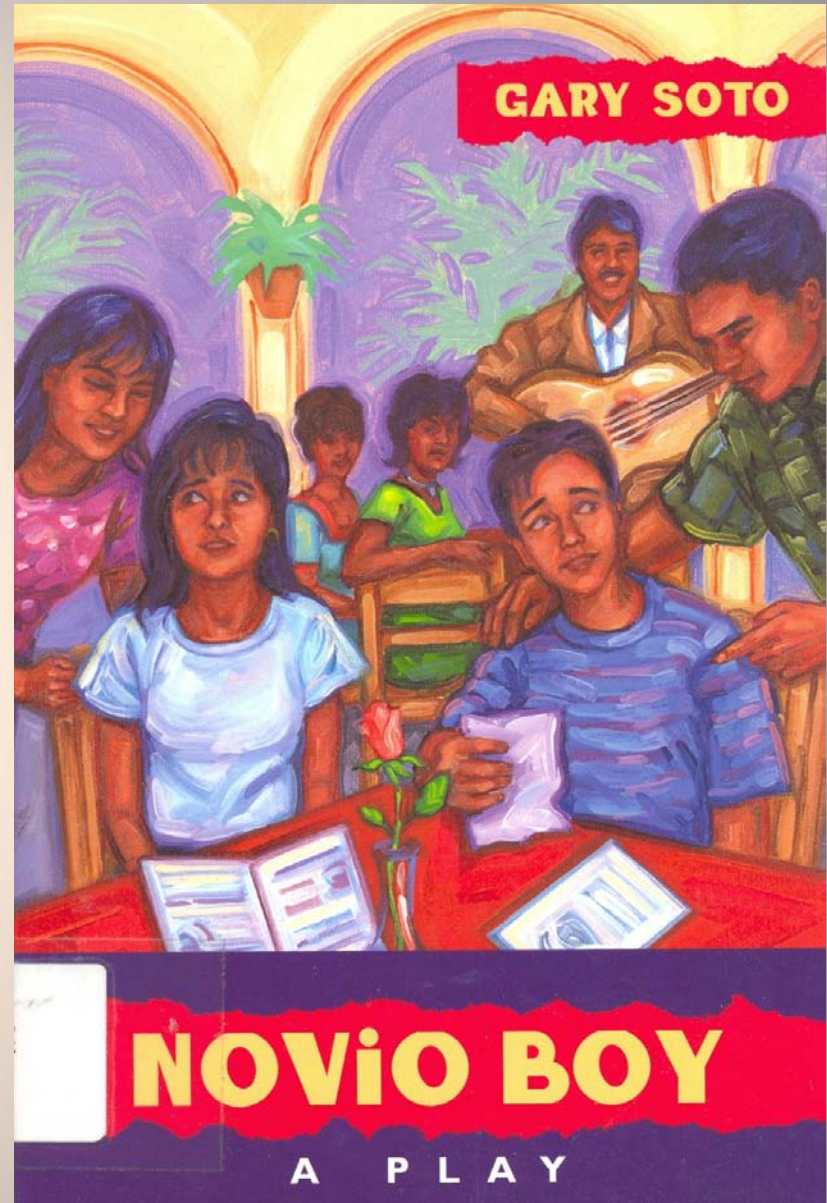
A Natural Man

A poetry anthology that offers a photographic glimpse into the lives of California's Chicanos.



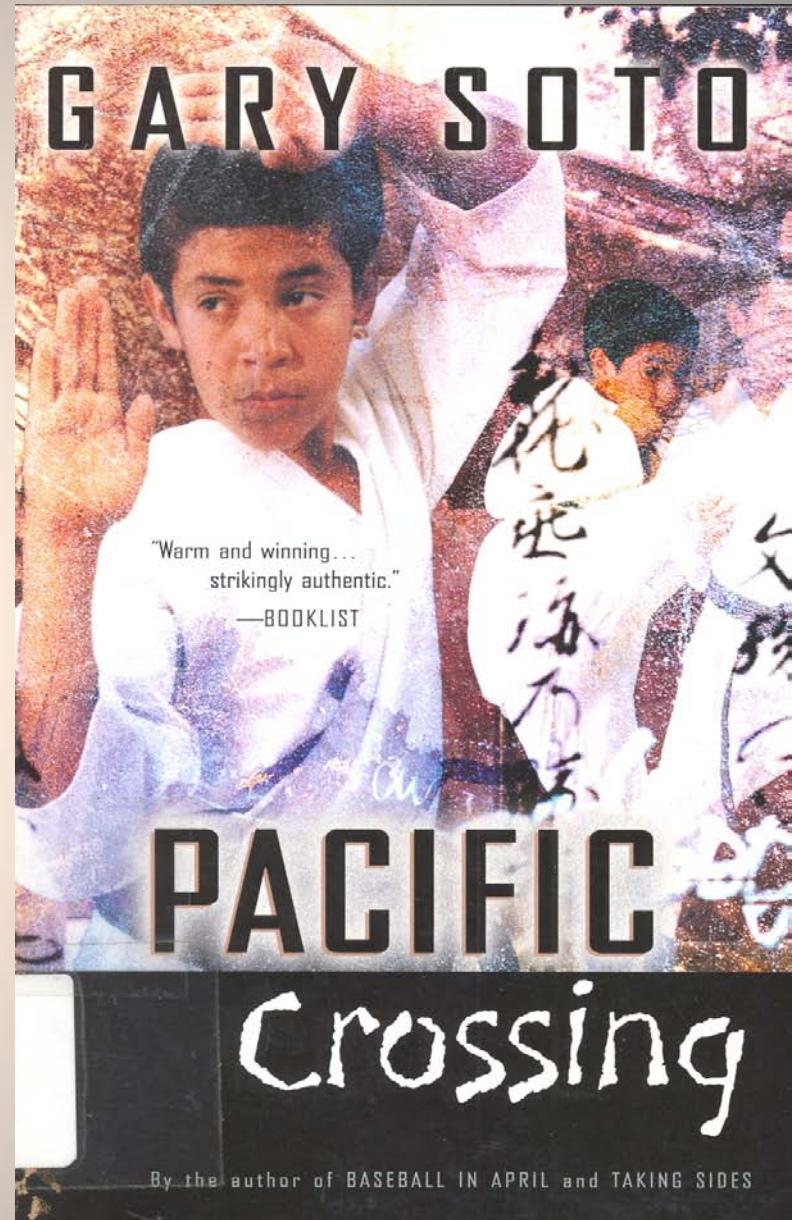
Novio Boy – A Play

Rudy anxiously prepares for and then goes out on a first date with an attractive girl who is older than he is.



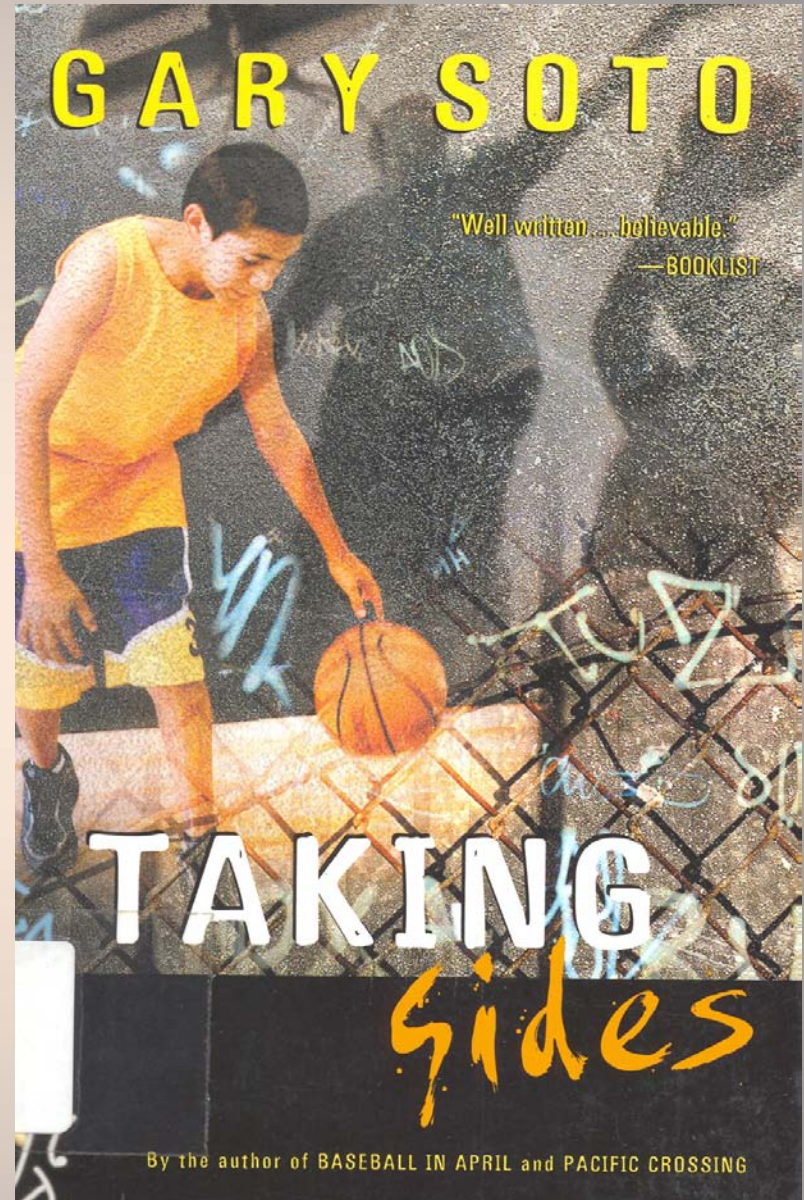
Pacific Crossing

Fourteen-year-old Mexican American Lincoln Mendoza spends a summer with a host family in Japan, encountering new experiences and making new friends.



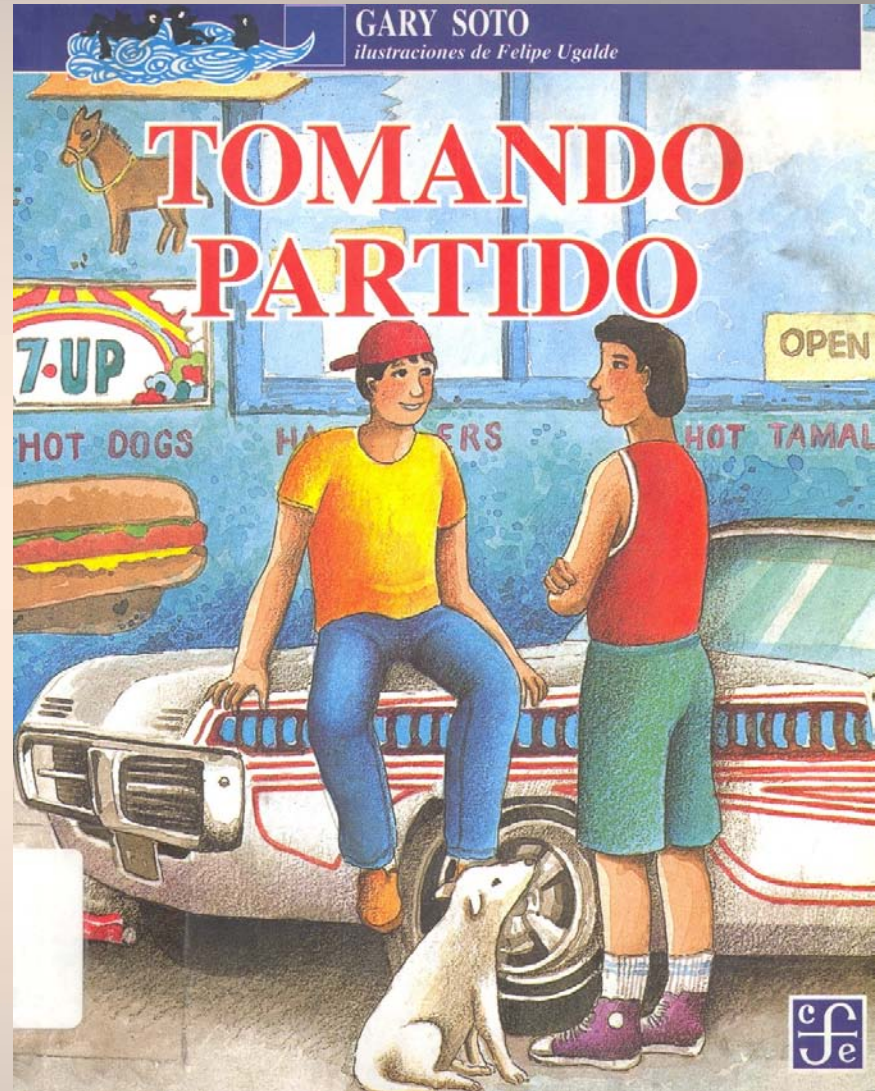
Taking Sides

Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.



Tomando partido

Spanish version of
Taking sides.



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