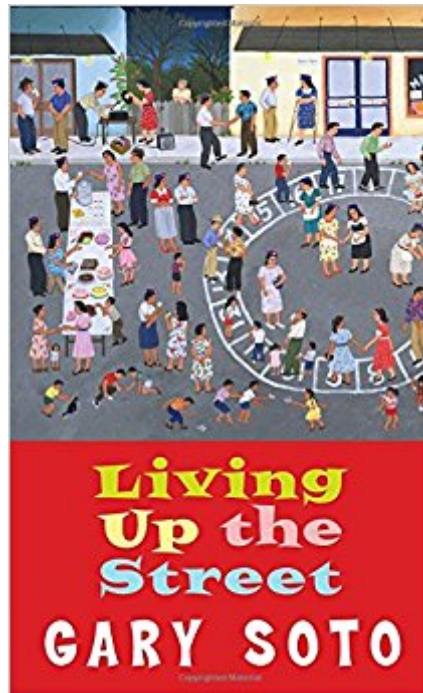




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“One of those rare books that come from the author's heart, tempered by his intelligence and made alive by imaginative spirit.”
—San Francisco Chronicle

Love Gary Soto. I remember reading this book in college some xx years ago. It is still one of my favs.

I grew up in Michigan in the 50's and found that growing up in Fresno, CA was not much different. Gary Soto describes his childhood in such a way that I could relate, even though I am not Hispanic, his experiences were not unlike mine. No one had any money, unless we searched for pop bottles to turn in or mowed lawns or had a paper route...and even then it was pennies and dimes, just enough to get us through a week of baseball cards. Soto's childhood was also special for me since I have lived in Fresno the last 30 years and could relate to the locations he would walk or ride to as a kid (even though, the street he grew up on is now a freeway). Somewhat disjointed, but a pure joy to read.

This book is very easy to read. My friend recommended it to me because she knows the author. She said she read it so many times that she ended up buying a second copy, and has loaned out so many times, she will probably have to buy a third book! I could relate to this type of writing because it reminds me a lot of my own childhood. I would recommend it to anyone who likes stories about other peoples experiences growing up.

I use this book for a remedial college English course. Many of my students come from lower socioeconomic areas, and relate personally to the stories of a field worker's lifestyle, and the life of children with few resources. Using some of the chapters, students write their own versions based on the titles, such as "Father," and "Fear." Chapters are short enough for absorption while learning to read more closely, and interesting enough to provide the vehicle for improvement in comprehension and more critical thinking. Besides that, Gary Soto is a wonderful writer with California roots, something my students appreciate, too.

Awesome packaging, great price, decent quality. No pages were ripped or written on. Just had a sticker on the front but easily removable.

Great story, beautifully written, easy read.

I LOVE this book even though it was for homework but it was very interesting :)

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