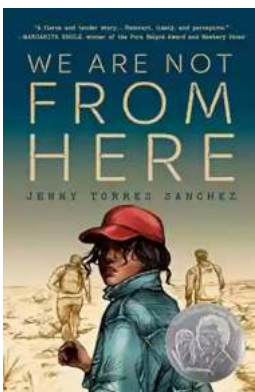


# "We Are Not From Here" - A Gripping Story of Struggle, Redemption, and Finding Home

Join us on a journey like no other as we delve into the captivating world of "We Are Not From Here." This thought-provoking novel by Jenny Torres Sanchez takes readers on an emotional rollercoaster ride, exploring themes of identity, immigration, and the universal longing for a place to call home.

"We Are Not From Here" introduces us to three young protagonists, Pulga, Pequeña, and Chico, who seek sanctuary from the turmoil and violence in their hometown of San Cristóbal, Guatemala. Determined to escape their circumstances, they embark on a treacherous journey towards the United States, in search of a better life.

The powerful narrative is driven by the authenticity of the characters and their aspirations for a brighter future. Pulga, the fiercely loyal and protective older brother, serves as the anchor of the group, guiding his sister Pequeña and their friend Chico through countless dangers. Each step of the way, they face treacherous terrain, harsh weather conditions, and the constant threat of violence from various sources.



## **We Are Not from Here** by Jenny Torres Sanchez(Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.7 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 3051 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
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Print length	: 366 pages



Sanchez skillfully weaves in the characters' backstories, immersing readers in their lives and providing a deeper understanding of their motivations. Through vivid descriptions and heartfelt dialogue, we witness their strength, resilience, and unwavering determination to build a life free from fear.

As the trio navigates the arduous journey, "We Are Not From Here" sheds light on the complexities of immigration and the desperation that drives people to risk everything for a chance at a better future. The story challenges readers to confront their own preconceived notions about immigrants, reminding us of the shared humanity that transcends borders.

Throughout the novel, the concept of identity takes center stage. Pulga, Pequeña, and Chico grapple with questions such as: Who are we? Where do we come from? What does it mean to belong? These universal dilemmas resonate with readers of all backgrounds, inviting introspection and fostering empathy.

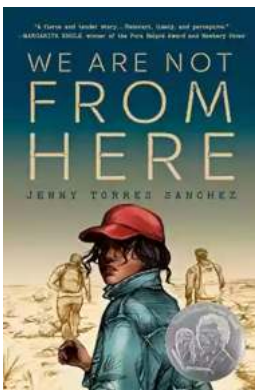
The author's lyrical writing style captivates readers from the very first page, painting vivid imagery of both the characters' inner worlds and the harsh realities they face. Sanchez's ability to convey their emotions with such rawness and authenticity allows us to truly connect with the characters, igniting a sense of solidarity and understanding within ourselves.

From gripping action sequences to tender moments of camaraderie and hope, "We Are Not From Here" keeps readers on the edge of their seats, emotionally invested in every twist and turn. The story serves as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of friendship in the face of adversity.

As we accompany Pulga, Pequeña, and Chico on their harrowing journey, their quest for a place to call home becomes our own. We become immersed in the complexities of their lives, experiencing their triumphs and tribulations as if they were our own. The novel serves as a powerful reminder that our shared humanity transcends borders, and the longing for a sense of belonging knows no boundaries.

We implore you to embark on this deeply moving journey through "We Are Not From Here." Allow the characters to enchant you, challenge your perspectives, and spark conversations about the social issues that shape our world today. Rediscover the power of empathy, compassion, and the unyielding pursuit of a place to call home.

So strap yourself in and get ready to experience a story that will stay with you long after you turn the final page. Dive into "We Are Not From Here" today and join the chorus of voices echoing the sentiments: We are all human, and we all deserve a home.



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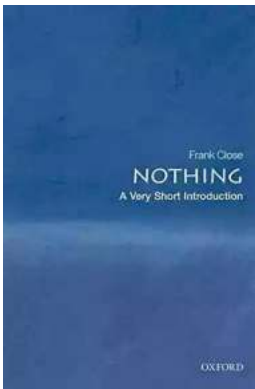
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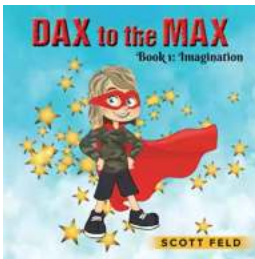
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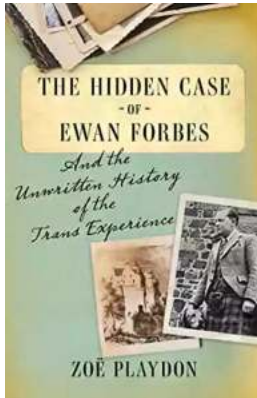
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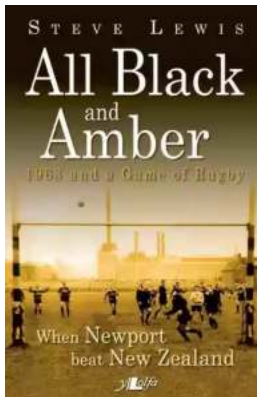
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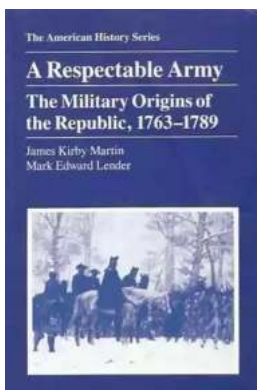
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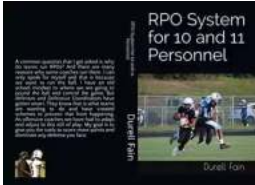
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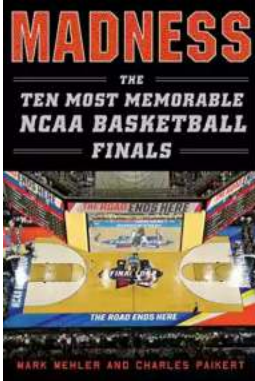
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