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Enrique's JOURNEY

The True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite with His Mother

Adapted for Young People

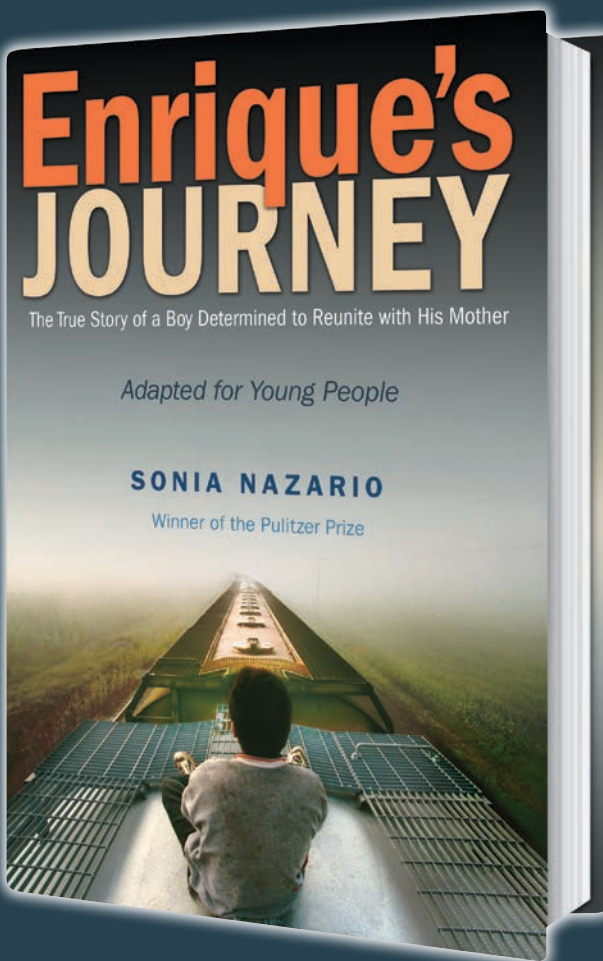
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About the Book

Enrique is only five years old when his mother leaves her starving family in Honduras and illegally enters the United States in search of a better life. Her plan is to make enough money for Enrique and his sister, Belky, to join her. Opportunities for immigrants like Enrique's mother are few, however, and she cannot deliver on her promise. Years later, at age sixteen, Enrique is still in Honduras, and his resentment toward his mother is increasing. Yet his urge to see her is so great that he sets out on a dangerous journey through Mexico, across the US border, and eventually to North Carolina. There, the two are finally reunited, but the fairy-tale life Enrique imagined is nowhere to be found. His encounters with bandits, corrupt cops, and dishonest coyotes have hardened him, and he finds himself battling drug addiction and arguing with his mother, refusing to live by her rules. *Enrique's Journey* is the story of a family torn apart, yearning to be together again, and trying to heal deep wounds—a story all too common among America's newcomers.

