



Srta. Quinces

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5th - 8th Grade

Book Trailer
Book Trailer and/or Video
Genre
Graphic Novel, Humor, Latino
Themes & Concepts
Key Themes and Concepts ● Cultural Traditions vs. Personal Identity: The core conflict focuses on Sue's resistance to a traditional quinceañera—which she views as antiquated and "floofy"—and her journey toward accepting it as a way to connect with her heritage. ● Family Expectations and Relationships: The story explores the pressure of upholding familial expectations, specifically through her mother's desires and the "quality time" spent with her rambunctious, extended family in Honduras. ● Bicultural and Bilingual Experience: As a character caught between cultures, Sue navigates the nuances of being Honduran-American, highlighting the experiences of Latinx youths bridging two worlds. ● Coming-of-Age and Adolescence: The novel deals with typical teenage anxieties regarding growing up, finding one's own voice, and personal expression, set against the backdrop of a major cultural milestone. ● Reappraising Tradition through Connection: Through her close relationship with her grandmother (Abuelita Rita), Sue learns to appreciate the deeper, sentimental value of her family's culture, transforming her attitude from rebellion to acceptance.

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Lessons/Activities
Interview with Author
Cultural Representation Reflection
Story Map Multi-Leveled Lessons
Graphic Novel Multi-leveled Lessons
Comprehension Graphic Organizers
Vocabulary Graphic Organizers
Spanish Activity
Spanish Reading Guide
Other Activities:
Jigsaw Puzzle
Word Search

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