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BOOK RESUME: WE ARE NOT FROM HERE

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A poignant novel of desperation, escape, and survival across the U.S.-Mexico border, inspired by current events.

Pulga has his dreams.

Chico has his grief.

Pequeña has her pride.

And these three teens have one another. But none of them have illusions about the town they've grown up in and the dangers that surround them. Even with the love of family, threats lurk around every corner. And when those threats become all too real, the trio knows they have no choice but to run: from their country, from their families, from their beloved home.

In this striking portrait of lives torn apart, the plight of migrants at the U.S. southern border is brought to light through poignant, vivid storytelling. An epic journey of danger, resilience, heartache, and hope.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "A candid, realistic story that will leave readers thinking about the characters—and about our own world—long after the last page." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "A brutally honest, not-to-be-missed narrative...gripping, heart-wrenching, and thrilling." —*Kirkus*, starred review

★ "Gripping, poignant...this soul-shaking narrative [recalls] the works of Gabriel García Márquez." —*Booklist*, starred review

★ "A devastating read that is difficult to put down, this unforgettable book unflinchingly illuminates the experiences of those leaving their homes to seek safety in the United States." —*Publisher's Weekly*, **starred review**

★ "A stunning, visceral, and deeply moving read." —*BookPage*, **starred review**

"The short chapters, candid writing, and strong character development should appeal to even the most reluctant of readers as suspense about whether the characters will survive the journey builds in one heart-rending scene after another." —*The Horn Book*

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A BookPage Best Book of the year
- A Chicago Public Library Best of the Best of the year
- A School Library Journal Best Book of the year
- A New York Public Library Top 10 Best Book for Teens!
- Pura Belpré 2021 Young Adult Honor Book
- A Florida Teens Reads Winner
- A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the year
- Globe and Mail Best Books of the year
- BuzzFeed Best YA Books of the year
- CSCML Best Books of the year
- BookBrowse Best Young Adult Book winner
- A Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature Best Books
- An Américas Award winner
- A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Selection
- An Alaska Battle of the Books selection
- A California Reads Teacher Recommended Books selection
- A Washington D.C. Capitol Choices selection
- An Illinois Abraham Lincoln High School Award selection
- An Iowa High School Battle of the Books selection
- An Iowa High School Book Award selection
- A Kentucky Bluegrass Award selection
- A Michiga MISelf in Books selection
- A New Hampshire Flume Book Award selection
- A New Mexico Land of Enchantment Black Bear Reading List selection
- A North Dakota Flicker Tale Children's Book Award selection
- A Rhode Island Teen Book Award selection
- A Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award selection

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [TeachingBooks.net resources](#)
- [Penguin Classroom Learning Guide](#)
- [2021 Pura Belpré Honor Award Acceptance Speech by Jenny Torres Sanchez](#)
- [Penguin Classroom Author Interview](#)
- [Penguin Random House Panel Discussion with Author](#)
- [Latinx KidLit Book Festival Author Interview](#)
- [Social Distance Book Fest Author Interview](#)
- [Orange County Library System Author Interview](#)
- [We Are YA Author Interview](#)
- [Las Musas Migrant Stories Panel Discussion with Author](#)
- [Student Comprehension Guide from BreakFree Education](#)
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