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Synopsis

Crossing over the border is a dangerous business.....But Lupita must cross from Mexico to America. After her father dies in a fishing boat accident in the seas near their small Mexican village, Lupita's family is left in poverty. Lupita and her big brother, Salvador, must smuggle themselves into the United States to earn money to support their mother and young siblings. America is not the land of opportunity they had hoped. A new language, hard labor, and the constant threat of la migra -- the immigration police--make every day a difficult challenge. But for feisty Lupita, there is always hope for a better manana -- tomorrow.

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Books in the Field of Social Studies as Eight Mules from Monterey; Behave Yourself, Bethany Brant; Turn Homeward, Hannalee; Be Ever Hopeful, Hannalee; and Jayhawker. Her novel *Lupita Manana* is a Jane Addams Children's Book Award honor book, and *Charley Skedaddle* won the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction.

I want to start off by saying if you want a good fictional account of a child immigrating from Mexico, watch the movie *Under the Same Moon*, or *La Misma Luna* — *Under the Same Moon* — it shows more hardships, I think, and had pretty much a whole class of college students almost in tears. Now, about this book. It shows some of the hardships of crossing the border, but in a somewhat simplistic fashion. It also shows the process of Americanization and what happens when American values conflict with traditional Mexican values. It also seemed to want to legitimize crossing a border illegally which, no matter what the reasons, is still a crime. I really did not like the ending, but I won't say more about it because I don't want to spoil it. It is an easy read, I would recommend it for third/fourth grade students. It would be a good read in Southern California. If you live near Indio or Colton, it's a really interesting book, and you can map out the path of Lupita and her brother.

One of my students asked me to buy this book because she learned about it on Facebook. I bought it. She read it. And she wrote an heartfelt review.

Great book-good relevant story to today's political climate.

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Great story for fifth graders!

Excellent book

Good

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