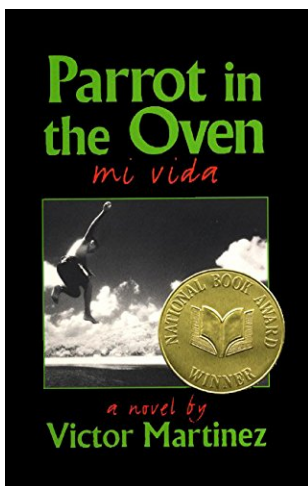


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Description:

It's no wonder that *Parrot in the Oven* won the 1996 National Book Award for Young People's Fiction. Victor Martinez's lush, evocative prose leaps from the page, grabbing the reader by the throat right from the start. Not only do we witness Manuel Hernandez's coming of age, we feel every juicy moment of it: his ache for something just out of reach, the confusion of seeing his family with new eyes, the tickle and flood of awakening passion. It's difficult to portray transformation from the inside, but Martinez does so with grace and power.

From Publishers Weekly In his debut novel, set in a dusty California town, Martinez employs a series of compelling, frequently troubling vignettes to illuminate a Mexican American boy's coming of age. It's not easy for Manuel Hernandez to discover his place

in the world, especially when he is constantly bombarded with the hardships of his poor and woefully dysfunctional family. Their tiny sheetrock house in the projects is the scene of angry arguments-even of threats at rifle point. Manny steps onto a battlefield at every turn, whether he is collecting his alcoholic and violent father from the local pool hall, withstanding the ethnic slurs of white school mates, or seeking initiation into a neighborhood gang. But as the months pass and some of his wounds heal, Manny slowly begins to understand the sense of self that he can derive from his role within this difficult household. The tense prose and often biting dialogue bring into razor-sharp focus the frustration and bitterness of a struggling family; at the same time, Manny's first-person narrative is tinged with compassion and, indeed, love for the unstable people around him. Martinez's honest voice, and descriptions sprinkled with elegant imagery, offer a rare and consummately believable portrait of barrio life. Ages 12-up.

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Without family support and against all odds, can he still choose his life path? *Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida* explores these questions. Background Knowledge In 2006, more than 11.5 million Mexican immigrants resided in the United States, accounting for 30.7 percent of all US immigrants (Batalova). This mix of cultures often creates tension or difficulty. In an article entitled *Second Generation Immigration Issues*, the author explains part of the difficulty for these immigrants. "The experience of second generation immigrants is commonly described as "being caught between cultures", "negotiating

Parrot in the Oven a novel written by Victor Martinez, talks about the life of Manny Hernandez who lives a tough life. Manny has a jobless and drunk father. An older brother named Nardo who who never could find the right job for himself. It is safe enough to say that *Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida* is now one of my favorite books. This book is something different than what I usually enjoy reading but a little change does not hurt. I enjoyed reading the whole book and watching the main character, Manny, develop into the strong independent person he turns out to be in the end. I liked how the author wrote out the plot because this book was relatable. Use the entire *Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida* calendar, or supplement it with your own curriculum ideas. Calendars cover one, two, four, and eight week units. Determine how long your *Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida* unit will be, then use one of the calendars provided to plan out your entire lesson.

Chapter Abstracts. Chapter abstracts are short descriptions of events that occur in each chapter of *Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida*. Character and Object Descriptions provide descriptions of the significant characters as well as objects and places in *Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida*. These can be printed out and used as an individual study guide for students, a "key" for leading a class discussion, a summary review prior to exams, or a refresher for an educator.

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