

Victor Villaseñor's memoir recounts the journey of a young boy living on a ranch in Southern California. Born into a successful middle class family, wealth was no measure of the hardships encountered within the education system as a Mexican American with immigrant parents. Villaseñor gives his reader the perspective of a young boy in elementary school, struggling to make friends and fit in with his class due to his race. The few children who would speak to Villaseñor would often voice negative stereotypes surrounding Mexican Americans. As a naive child, succumbing to the stereotypes and being influenced by the negative racial stigmas during the 1940's was an effortless task. Despite his lack of friends at school, Villaseñor excelled incredibly in mathematics, while his reading comprehension lagged behind drastically. At the age of 44, his reading skills are later explained by the diagnosis of dyslexia. Nonetheless, his condition only pushed him to work harder and pursue his dream of being an author.

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