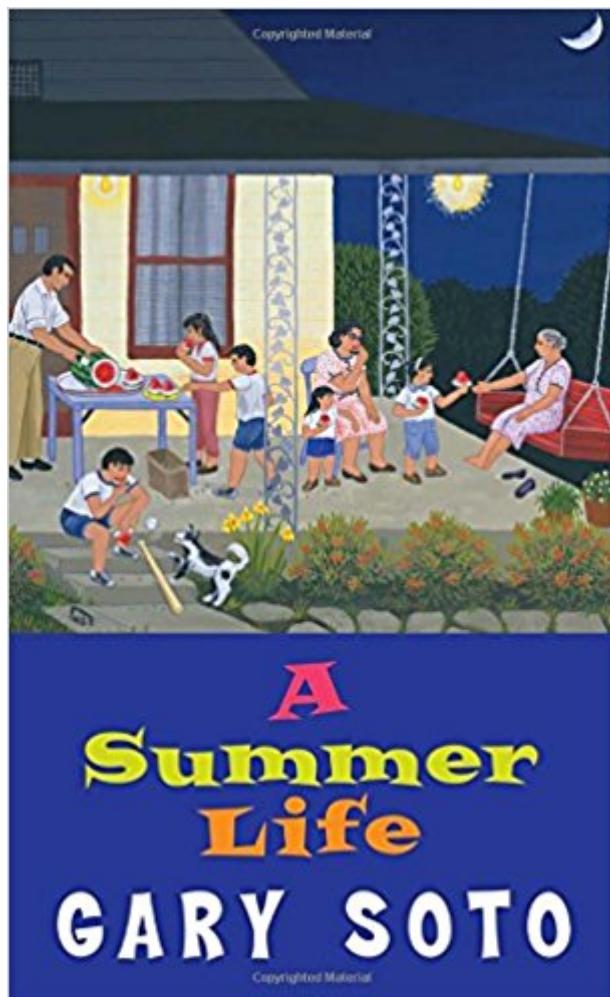


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# A Summer Life (Laurel-Leaf Books)



## **Synopsis**

Gary Soto writes that when he was five "what I knew best was at ground level." In this lively collection of short essays, Soto takes his reader to a ground-level perspective, recreating in vivid detail the sights, sounds, smells, and textures he knew growing up in his Fresno, California, neighborhood. The "things" of his boyhood tie it all together: his Buddha "splotched with gold," the taps of his shoes and the "engines of sparks that lived beneath my soles," his worn tennies smelling of "summer grass, asphalt, the moist sock breathing the defeat of basesall." The child's world is made up of small things--small, very important things.

## **Book Information**

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It is just really boring, all Mr. Soto does is talk about his uninteresting life.

I had to read this for a summer homework assignment and it was boring. had nothing dramatic happening like in some other books. it just isn't interesting for the young mind.

This book is great for summer

The story is a very good one. With excellent adventures. In one's life as the family. Mature through there life time.

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