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In The Country We Love: My Family Divided



Synopsis

The star of *Orange Is the New Black* and *Jane the Virgin* presents her personal story of the real plight of undocumented immigrants in this country. Diane Guerrero, the television actress from the megahit *Orange Is the New Black* and *Jane the Virgin*, was just 14 years old on the day her parents were detained and deported while she was at school. Born in the US, Guerrero was able to remain in the country and continue her education, depending on the kindness of family friends who took her in and helped her build a life and a successful acting career for herself, without the support system of her family. *In the Country We Love* is a moving, heartbreaking story of one woman's extraordinary resilience in the face of the nightmarish struggles of undocumented residents in this country. There are over 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the US, many of whom have citizen children, whose lives here are just as precarious, and whose stories haven't been told. Written with best-selling author Michelle Burford, this memoir is a tale of personal triumph that also casts a much-needed light on the fears that haunt the daily existence of families like the author's and on a system that fails them over and over.

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Customer Reviews

In a country that is facing mass deportations, this book is very relevant. All of us are familiar with the term "deportation," but few of us realize the ramifications, not only to the deportees, but their families. This is a story of true courage, the saga of a fourteen year old child who deals first hand with the devastating effects of deportation. This should be a must read for everyone, especially the incoming

members of our federal government who will be shaping future immigration policy. This story is real, riveting, and not sappy. Ms. Guerrero has succeeded in giving us a snapshot into a reality in this country that many don't realize or choose to ignore. An eye-opening read, to say the least.

I saw Diane on a panel on Face the Nation and bought the book. I also got the audible version so I listened to the author read most of the book. I did not know until nearly the end that she was on Orange is the new Black and Jane the Virgin. When she was 14 years old, living in Boston, both parents were deported to Columbia. Diane was born in the US so she was a citizen. Friends took her in. She was able to attend a good high school. She is beautiful and talented and so she made it as an actress. Her family problems did not start that day, however. Her parents were extremely anxious all of the time. Her older brother was also deported. I recommend reading this book to better understand what our undocumented population live with. If the US had better control over visas, some of these situations would be avoided. But how to respond to the millions already here, people who have lived lawfully for a decade, that is the question. We also need to realize that these people are a part of the economy. There is a reason why the Congress, responsible for establishing a naturalization process in the Constitution, have failed to do their job. That reason needs to be brought to light and made known to the public. The consequences of continuing the current situation. Also needs a full debate.

One of my favorite books, Guerrero is brutally honest, 100 percent down to earth, and the book's content will punch you right in the gut. Everybody who is a product of immigrants needs to pick this book up and anyone who isn't might find it knowledgeable.

I absolutely love this book. Given today's political climate, this is a great read showing the plight of immigrant families. I am moderate in my political views so if you're really strong on either side, you might not enjoy this as much as I did. I would encourage people to read with an open mind...it is really respectfully written & gives a great glimpse into this uncertain world.

This compelling and powerful autobiography highlights how broken the American immigration system is. Guerrero's and her family's arduous journey and its effects because of the flawed system is an example why people must take action to prevent millions of families from being torn apart. This book has resonated with me since I read chapter one. As a Latina with similar (almost identical) experiences, I highly recommend and encourage people of all colors to read this. Be prepared to

laugh, smile, and even cry.

This is a powerful autobiography that describes the immigrants' side of the immigration issue in the United States. It was heartbreaking to read how our system separates parents from children, putting the children at great risk. It was inspiring to find out how the author overcame the separation from her parents, her depression and her poverty to eventually succeed and strive to change immigration laws in her beloved country, the U.S.

As an American born citizen, with American born citizens for parents, what Diane experienced was never on my radar. Reading her story gave much perspective to my own privilege and inspiration for how I can get involved in immigration reform. People's stories are powerful and important.

This was an inspiring read! It is very eye opening. Her childhood story needs to be told. Many children have gone through this in our country, yet they are too afraid to speak up! I was fortunate enough to hear Diane speak at the University of California, Riverside. She spoke about her book and the issues she and her parents faced. She also spoke briefly about her career. I had my book signed by her. Needless to say I couldn't wait to read it. I was not disappointed! It was a worthy read! Diane bravely tells her story and gives children going through what she did in our country a voice! While many people may know her from Orange is the New Black or Jane the Virgin, there is much more to Diane than that! She is courageously using her platform to send an important message. Everyone needs to read this!

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