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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In PW's words, Soto "once again creates a vibrant tapestry of Chicano American neighborhoods in this... collection of stories highlighting small yet significant moments in the lives of 13 adolescents." Ages 12-up. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From School Library Journal

Grade 6-12-- Much as he did in *Baseball in April* (HBJ, 1990), Soto uses his ability to see the story in everyday experiences and to create ordinary, yet distinctly individual and credible characters to charm readers into another world. He uses his poetic writing style and the Spanish of the Mexican-American community in the San Diego area to create 13 new stories for this book. The appended list of terms and phrases will be useful to readers unfamiliar with the language, although many of the terms used are not included in the list. The book will be as popular as a collection of stories about young people as it will be useful for starting discussions regarding sibling rivalry, self-image, growing up, cultures, or writing styles. -- Dona Weisman, Northeast Texas Library System, Garland
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From Kirkus Reviews

The author of *Baseball in April* (1990) offers 13 more domestic reversals of fortune. Javier snaps a picture of Angel in the shower and threatens "Blackmail"; Alex's "First Job" turns into disaster when he accidentally sets a neighbor's fence afire; Robert almost botches his one line in "The School Play" (about the Donner party); Jose challenges new classmate Estela to a game of racquetball--which he's never played--and is wiped out; flying is not the peak experience Araceli expects when she signs up for a "Nickel-a-Pound Plane Ride," etc. As always, Soto shows that the concerns and triumphs of Latino children are no different from anyone's, and though he respects his characters, their misadventures are treated with a light touch--vignettes rather than life-changing incidents. Also as usual, the narrative is sprinkled with Spanish words and idioms, defined at the back--excellent flavoring but, for many, extra work. (Short Stories. 10-13) -- Copyright ©1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

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