

# Esperanza Rising

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“Do you know how lucky we are, Esperanza? Many people come to this valley and wait months for a job. Juan went to a lot of trouble to make sure we had this cabin waiting for us when we got here. Please be grateful for the favors bestowed upon us.”

From *Esperanza Rising*

This book review was created by students in Mrs. Brochu’s reading class.

Esperanza thought her life was perfect until the night before her Quinceaneras which is the celebration of a Spanish girl’s fifteenth birthday party. In Esperanza Rising there were many tragedies. These tragedies begin in Mexico and lead up to freedom in Los Angeles, California. Esperanza’s new life “as a hard-working Spanish woman” is more different than her old rich life in Mexico. Will Esperanza adapt quickly to her new life living in an immigrant camp?



## Student Recommendations

★★★★★ Esperanza is a great book for fifth, sixth, and seventh graders. This book tells you never to take people and things for granted, and always accept what you get. There are more people in the world with worse situations. Esperanza learns this and Pam Ryan, the author, wants you to learn this too. I liked this novel because it taught me that my life is good the way it is.

★★★★★ I recommend this book for fifth, sixth, and seventh grade. This book is good for people trying to learn a new culture or a new language. I liked this book because it has many powerful lessons. It teaches you to be grateful for what you have and don’t take more than you need in life.