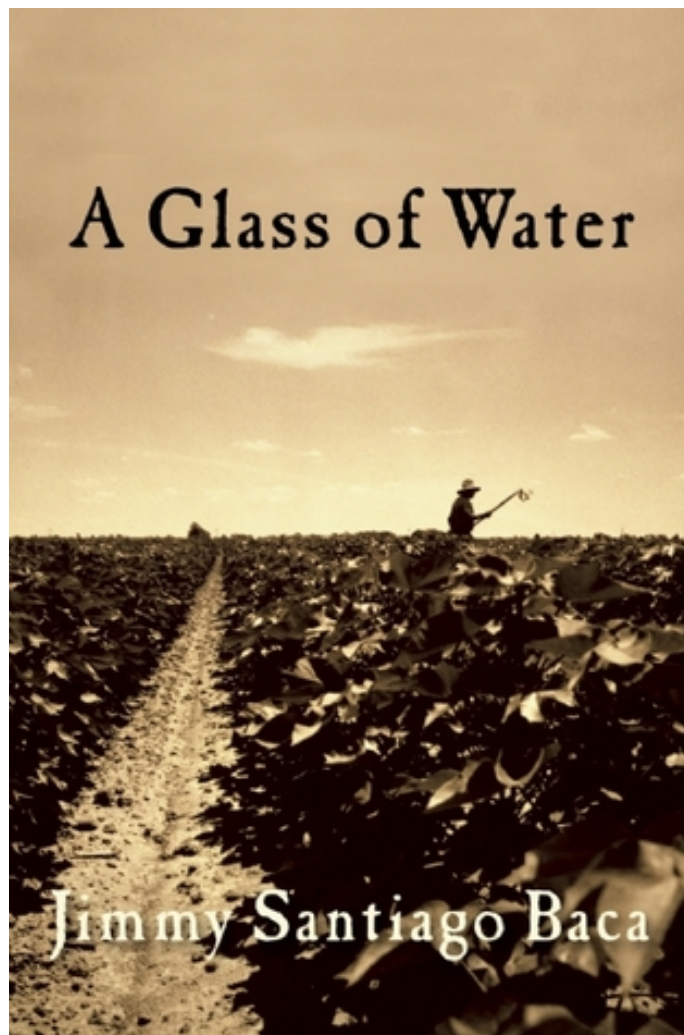

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A Glass of Water



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Description

A Glass of Water is a gripping tale of family, loyalty, ambition, and revenge that offers an intimate look into the tragedies unfurling at our country's borders. The first novel from award-winning memoirist, poet, and activist, Jimmy Santiago Baca, it is a passionate and galvanizing addition to Chicano literature.

The promise of a new beginning brings Casimiro and Nopal together when they are young immigrants, having made the nearly deadly journey across the border from Mexico. They settle into a life of long days in the chili fields, and in a few years their happy union yields two sons, Lorenzo and Vito. But when Nopal is brutally murdered, the boys are left to navigate life in this brave but capricious new world without her.

A Glass of Water is a searing, heartfelt tribute to brotherhood, and an arresting portrait of the twisted paths people take to claim their piece of the ever-elusive American dream.

Insightful reviews

Siri: I enjoyed this book. Current day fiction from a chicano/mexican immigrant point of view. Very interested and entertaining.

Katie: I think this was Baca's first novel. He writes more short stories and poetry. Anyway, my fella really likes him, being from New Mexico and all, so I originally brought the book home for him.

It's a very interesting story of a family and their progression through the years. The language was beautiful; you could tell Baca is a poet. I don't think I fully appreciated the actual words. Sometimes the stories are too interesting for me to pay attention to really beautiful, descriptive language. A lot of that gets missed on me because I'm speeding through to get to the outcome.

The novel was a bit disjointed. The focus moved around to different family members and also through time. I can't decide, however, if I liked that or not. Part of it may also have been the way I read it. Maybe if I had read it in larger chunks, it would have seemed more cohesive.

Colin: 3.5 stars on this one. There were moving and beautifully written parts of this book. I felt like the character of the father was pretty typical disability-as-metaphorical-tragedy, though. However, Baca's poetic gifts shine in here, and there's some awesome stuff about oppression, resistance and community-building. It's a good, quick read.

Eric: speedy read, I cant come to a decision what me approximately this book. both that the characters weren't as built as i'd have loved or that I didnt like what components of them built as??? I cant positioned my finger on it. That being acknowledged I loved this book. i need to

have when you consider that I couldn't place it down.

Kym: I'm at present analyzing and love the language and the circulation of the book!

Kathleen Schuerger: one other contribution to frame literature. Very poetic, possibly overly so. A fresh, sympathetic method of the issues of migrant exertions within the Southwest.

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