La Linea

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Miguel has just turned fifteen and lives and works on a ranch with his sister Elena. Abuelita is the owner of the ranch who gives Miguel and Elena shelter and food. Miguel’s parents left him and his sister behind so they could cross la linea. The la linea means the line in Spanish and what they mean by the line is the border of Mexico to the United States.

Miguel has always dreamed to cross the line. His dream finally came true when he receives a letter from his dad telling him “it’s time for you to cross”. Elena has also wanted to cross the line but she has to wait because she’s a year younger than Miguel.

Later in the book Miguel is taking bus to a city that’s around the border. On the bus he meets a friend named Javier and he also happens to meet his sister. Miguel and his friends get caught and are driven back to a town. In that town Elena and Miguel escape and later meet up with Javier on the train.

When they get to their destination they take a coyote to cross. When they’re resting in the middle of the desert, the coyote gets caught but not Miguel, Elena, and Javier. The three try to make it the rest of the way. Javier disappears when Miguel and Elena are sleeping. Miguel and Elena end up at the border and spend the rest of their lives in the United States.

I liked the book La Linea. It has some Spanish in it, so if you don’t or do understand Spanish you’ll be able to read it. In the beginning it has a slow pace but if you read further it gets better.

This book has a lot of adventure it, so if you like adventure you will like this book. The part that had the most of the thrill of Miguel’s adventure was when Elena and Miguel escape. How they escaped was that Javier pretended he was having a seizure. He was flopping on the ground, rolling his eyes back, and foaming from the mouth it was horrid. Then Miguel and Elena had to run as fast as they could to the next town trying not to get caught by the police shooting.

Another part of the book that was adventurous was the part that Miguel, Elena, and Javier have to jump on the train. The reason they have to jump on the train is because they can’t take the bus because they all have been caught by the police. The trick is, is that the train is speeding faster than they all had expected. Miguel was the last one in line so he was trying to grasp Javier’s hand (which he does) and his legs were getting really tired too.

This book also shows the connection between a brother and sister, so if you have a younger sister or brother you can really relate to Miguel. It shows that even though your little sister or brother’s a pain in the neck, they can help you through hard times and you love them.

This book, La Linea, has so much adventure in it; it gets you attached to it easily. This book also shows that if have determination, anything is possible. If you read this book you can defiantly learn some valuable lessons from it.