I read the book la linea, which in English means “The Line.” The book is about a 15 year old boy named Miguel and his 13 year old sister named Elena. Miguel and Elena live in San Jacinto, Mexico with their Abuelita. While their parents live in California across the border. They left the kids behind six years ago and have left them alone ever since. Miguel wants to move north across the border and live with his parents, but Elena wants to go with him. The town that they live in now is old and not many young people live there anymore. They have all went north like Miguel has planned to do. Once he left and got on his bus to head to the border. Once they had a stop, they got off and had to answer some questions before they could get back on the bus and keep going. When he was standing in line he saw his sister standing in the line. They got caught and send back to Guatemala. The two of them now went together and had to take the hard way north across the border to California where their parents live and are expecting them.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a book that is intense and has parts that make you want to keep reading and see what is going to happen next. This book was kind of boring in the beginning. They were just living in Mexico and talking about how they were going to throw Miguel a going away party before he left to go north. The day of the party his best friends each gave them something meaningful of theirs for him to remember them by. Later on in the book there get to be better and more interesting parts. Like when they have to jump onto the train and ride that a ways north. Then they have to get off the train because something happens. Then they find a ride from some Indians and get to ride in the back of a truck up even farther north. Then once they get to the desert they have a long hike until they reach California. The best parts of the book I think is when they are in the desert trying not to get caught by border control. They have to use all their skills to stay alive. It is a good, short book that I am sure most people would like. I would also recommend this to anybody who wants a short book that they can read fairly quickly. At only about 130 pages that is easy to do. Overall I think it was a pretty good book, a little boring at the beginning but a good ending to it. When I first saw the cover I thought it looked really weird. But after reading the book, it didn’t seem very weird at all.