The Last Summer of the Death Warriors.

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This book is about a boy named Pancho whose sister mysteriously dies. Pancho suspects it to be her boyfriend so he goes in search of him. Pancho feels he must avenge his sister’s death. Because his sister died he must go to an orphanage because his parents are dead as well. When he gets there he gets a job to take care of a cancer patient named D.Q.

D.Q. is a very smart kid who is writing a book about something called “The Death Warriors,” basically a Death Warrior is someone who values life in all ways. After a while D.Q. needs to go to Albuquerque for cancer treatment. Pancho soon realizes that who he suspects killed his sister Rosa lives in Albuquerque. Pancho soon tries to find out where the man lives and kill him but at the same time he is trying to help save D.Q.’s life. Throughout the book D.Q. tries to help Pancho toward being a Death Warrior instead of the gang life that takes most Mexican kids.

Soon Pancho finds the man but he learns that he would rather forgive then hold in anger and throw his life away by killing the man. I think the part where he chooses not to kill the man that killed his sister is where he truly becomes a Death Warrior like D.Q. wanted him to be.

I really liked this book. It had a lot of everything. It was romantic when Pancho and D.Q. like the same girl. It had a lot of anger with Pancho trying to kill a man and the intense talks between D.Q. and his mom. It was sad listening to all the cancer patient cases. It was mysterious because you were always on the edge of your seat wondering if Pancho would truly kill the man he wanted to kill so badly.

I also liked this book because it showed that if you just believe you can achieve just about anything! Pancho overcame his anger of the man who killed his sister and it probably saved a life of jail. D.Q. overcame his fear of dying and learned to fight for what he wanted. In a way they both became better people from it.

As you can see you can there are many different reasons you might read this book. Although if you like the more fantasy science fiction type book I wouldn’t recommend this book. Also if you are looking for a book more factual or historical this isn’t for you.

This book had a very slow pace to it. They were in hotels, hospitals, or on a ranch for most of the time. Any problems that were faced in the book were solved with more talking than violence.

If I were to rate this book I would give this novel a ten out of ten. It was one of the best novel’s I have ever read. And that is the honest truth.