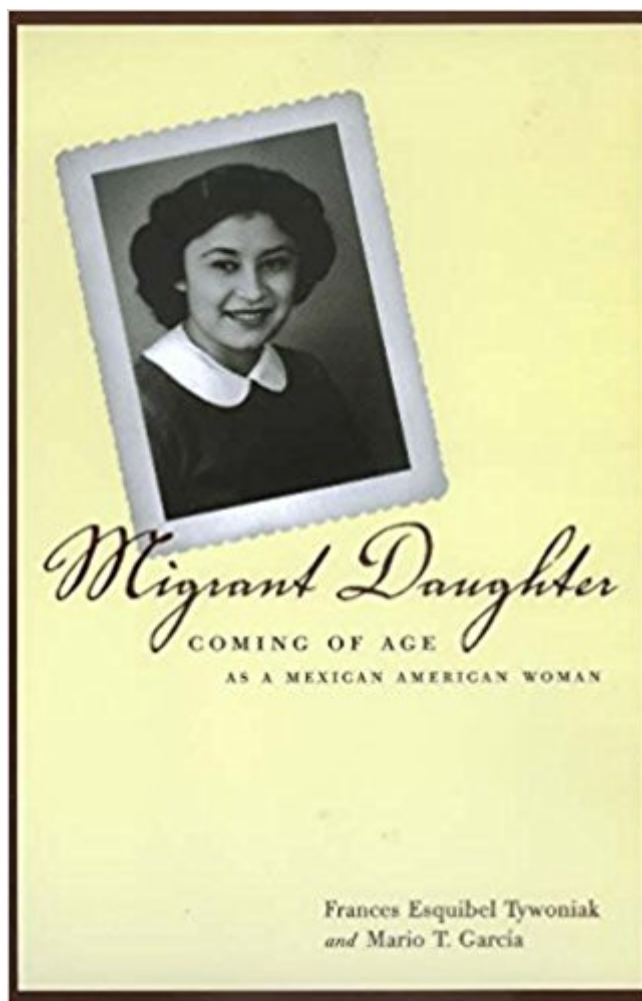


The book was found

Migrant Daughter: Coming Of Age As A Mexican American Woman



Synopsis

Taking us from the open spaces of rural New Mexico and the fields of California's Great Central Valley to the intellectual milieu of student life in Berkeley during the 1950s, this memoir, based on an oral history by Mario T. Garc a, is the powerful and moving testimonio of a young Mexican American woman's struggle to rise out of poverty. *Migrant Daughter* is the coming-of-age story of Frances Esquibel Tywoniak, who was born in Spanish-speaking New Mexico, moved with her family to California during the Depression to attend school and work as a farm laborer, and subsequently won a university scholarship, becoming one of the few Mexican Americans to attend the University of California, Berkeley, at that time. Giving a personal perspective on the conflicts of living in and between cultures, this eloquent story provides a rare glimpse into the life of a young Mexican American woman who achieved her dreams of obtaining a university education. In addition to the many fascinating details of everyday life the narrative provides, Mario T. Garc a's introduction contextualizes the place and importance of Tywoniak's life. Both introduction and narrative illustrate the process by which Tywoniak negotiated her relation to ethnic identity and cultural allegiances, the ways in which she came to find education as a channel for breaking with fieldwork patterns of life, and the effect of migration on family and culture. This deeply personal memoir portrays a courageous Mexican American woman moving between many cultural worlds, a life story that at times parallels, and at times diverges from, the real life experiences of thousands of other, unnamed women.

Book Information

Paperback: 296 pages

Publisher: University of California Press; First Printing edition (January 17, 2000)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0520219155

ISBN-13: 978-0520219151

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.2 out of 5 stars 4 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #191,908 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #102 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical > Latin America #136 in Books > History > Americas > Central America #196 in Books > Textbooks > Humanities > History > Latin America

Customer Reviews

"An important historical document. . . . A wonderful tool for the analyses of a variety of theories relating to border cultural studies and the politics of identity."--"Arizona Journal of Hispanic Cultural Studies

Taking us from the open spaces of rural New Mexico and the fields of California's Great Central Valley to the intellectual milieu of student life in Berkeley during the fifties, this memoir, based on an oral history by Mario T. Garcia, is the powerful and moving testimonio of a young Mexican American woman's struggle to rise out of poverty. *Migrant Daughter* is the coming-of-age story of Frances Esquibel Tywoniak, who was born in Spanish-speaking New Mexico, moved with her family to California during the depression to attend school and work as a farm laborer, and subsequently won a university scholarship, becoming one of the few Mexican Americans to attend the University of California, Berkeley, at that time. In addition to the fascinating details of everyday life the narrative provides, Mario Garcia's introduction contextualizes the importance of Tywoniak's life. Both introduction and narrative illustrate the process by which Tywoniak negotiated her relation to ethnic identity and cultural allegiances, the ways in which she came to find education as a means of breaking with fieldwork patterns of life, and the effect of migration on family and culture. This deeply personal memoir portrays a courageous Mexican American woman moving among many cultural worlds, a life story that at times parallels, and at times diverges from, the experiences of thousands of other, unnamed women.

Hard to read at times due to grammar issues, but Frances' story is an amazing one and I found this book very interesting! This was assigned in my U.S Women's History class, but it felt like something I would read in my own time. Very thought provoking and it shows a lot of insight into the time period and culture of the migrant women then. Must read!

Frances Esquibel Tywoniak's memoir about her youth in New Mexico, migrating to California's central valley in the 1940's, and navigating the Anglo vs. Mexican American culture, adolescence, discrimination against females in education in general and Mexican American students specifically, and her drive and fortitude to make it through high school and UC Berkeley were inspiring and sadly a little familiar. Enjoyed the read.

The story of Frances E. Tywoniak is a very interesting and inspiring one, yet the writing of the book fails to meet the level of the story behind it. The writing is mediocre but I still believe Tywoniak's

story is one that should be read.

At several points throughout *Migrant Daughter*, I found myself asking aloud, 'Was this book even edited?' The writing is unsophisticated to say the least. Choppy sentences, incoherent recollections, unnecessary tangents, and childish descriptions fill the pages of this never-ending autobiography. The poor writing even makes this book somewhat uninteresting. If you appreciate quality of writing at all, do not read *Migrant Daughter*. This book was required reading for a course in American autobiography and I questioned the professor's decision to include this.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Migrant Daughter: Coming of Age as a Mexican American Woman
Easy Mexican Cookbook
(*Mexican Cookbook, Mexican Recipes, Mexican Cooking* 1)
Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale (Tomas Rivera Mexican-American Children's Book Award (Awards))
Crossing Over: A Mexican Family on the Migrant Trail
Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America
How I Learned to Snap: A Small Town Coming-Out and Coming-of-Age Story
How I Learned to Snap: A Small-Town Coming-Of-Age & Coming-Out Story
Daughter Father Canoe
Coming of age in the sub-arctic and other stories of Snowdrift River and Nonacho Lake
Year of Fire
Dragons: An American Woman's Story of Coming of Age in Hong Kong
Traqueros: Mexican Railroad Workers in the United States, 1870-1930 (Al Filo: Mexican American Studies Series)
Voices in the Kitchen: Views of Food and the World from Working-Class Mexican and Mexican American Women (Rio Grande/RÃfÂ- o Bravo: Borderlands Culture and Traditions)
The JGirls Guide: The Young Jewish Woman's Handbook for Coming of Age
The JGirl's Guide: The Young Jewish Woman's Handbook for Coming of Age
Animal Talk: Mexican Folk Art
Animal Sounds in English and Spanish (First Concepts in Mexican Folk Art)
Easy Mexican Food Favorites: A Mexican Cookbook for Taqueria-Style Home Cooking
Mexican Slow Cooker Cookbook: Easy, Flavorful Mexican Dishes That Cook Themselves
Pati's Mexican Table: The Secrets of Real Mexican Home Cooking
The Art of Mexican Cooking: Traditional Mexican Cooking for Aficionados
Truly Mexican: Essential Recipes and Techniques for Authentic Mexican Cooking
Mexican Cookbook: 100 Mexican Recipes to Make at Home

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

