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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Amazon Best Books of the Month, January 2013: Happily, it is becoming a familiar story: The young, smart, and very hardworking son or daughter of immigrants rises to the top of American professional life. But already knowing the arc of Sonia Sotomayor's biography doesn't adequately prepare you for the sound of her voice in this winning memoir that ends, interestingly, before the Yale Law School grad was sworn in as the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice. Hers is a voice that lands squarely between self-deprecating and proud, grateful and defiant; a voice lilted with bits of Puerto Rican poetry; a voice full of anger, sadness, ambition, and love. *My Beloved World* is one resonant, glorious tale of struggle and triumph. --Sara Nelson

From [Booklist](#)

Starred Review When Sotomayor joined the U.S. Supreme Court in 2009, she made history as the first Hispanic on the high court. She'd also achieved the highest dream of a Puerto Rican girl growing up in a Bronx housing project longing to someday become a judge. In this amazingly candid memoir, Sotomayor recalls a tumultuous childhood: alcoholic father, emotionally distant mother, aggravating little brother, and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins, all overseen by her loving, domineering paternal grandmother. When she was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at eight years of age, she knew she had to learn to give herself the insulin shots. That determination saw her through Catholic high school, Princeton, and Yale Law School, at each step struggling to reconcile the poverty of her childhood with the privileges she was beginning to enjoy. No rabble-rouser, she nonetheless was active in student groups supporting minorities. At Yale, she learned how to think about jurisprudence, but readers looking for clues to her judicial thinking will be disappointed as she deliberately demurs. She recounts complicated feelings toward her parents and her failed marriage as she advanced to the DA's office, private practice, the district court, and, triumphantly, the Supreme Court. Sotomayor offers an intimate and honest look at her extraordinary life and the support and blessings that propelled her forward. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** A media blitz will attend the release of this already newsworthy memoir by the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice. --Vanessa Bush

Review

"A compelling and powerfully written memoir about identity and coming of age...If the outlines of Justice Sotomayor's life are well known by now, her searching and emotionally intimate memoir, *My Beloved World*, nonetheless has the power to surprise and move the reader...This account of her life is revealing, keenly observed and deeply felt...This insightful memoir underscores just how well Justice Sotomayor mastered the art of narrative. It's an eloquent and affecting testament to the triumph of brains and hard work over circumstance, of a childhood dream realized through extraordinary will and dedication."

—Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times*

"The book delivers on its promise of intimacy in its depictions of Sotomayor's family, the corner of Puerto Rican immigrant New York where she was raised and the link she feels to the island where she spent childhood summers...This is a woman who knows where she comes from and has the force to bring you there. Sotomayor does this by being cleareyed about the flaws of the adults who raised her—she lets them be complicated...I've spent my whole life learning how to do things that were hard for me,' Sotomayor tells an acquaintance when he asks whether becoming a judge will be difficult for her. Yes, she has. And by the time you close *My Beloved World*, you understand how she has mastered judging, too."

—Emily Bazelon, *The New York Times Book Review*

"With buoyant humor and thoughtful candor, she recounts her rise from a crime-infested neighborhood in the

South Bronx to the nation's highest court. 'I will be judged as a human being by what readers find here,' Sotomayor writes. We, the jury in this case, find her irresistible."

—John Wilwol, *Washingtonian*

"Sotomayor turns out to be a writer of depth and literary flair...*My Beloved World* is steeped in vivid memories of New York City, and it is an exceptionally frank account of the challenges that she faced during her ascent from a public housing project to the court's marble palace on First Street."

—Adam Liptak, *The New York Times*

"You'll see in Sotomayor a surprising wealth of candor, wit, and affection. No topic is off limits, not her diabetes, her father's death, her divorce, or her cousin's death from AIDS. Put the kettle on, reader, it's time for some real talk with Titi Sonia...The author shines in her passages on childhood, family, and self-discovery. Her magical portraits of loved ones bring to mind Sandra Cisneros's *The House on Mango Street*; both authors bring a sense of childlike wonder and empathy to a world rarely seen in books, a Latin-American and womancentric world."

—Grace Bello, *Christian Science Monitor*

"This is a page-turner, beautifully written and novelistic in its tale of family, love and triumph. It hums with hope and exhilaration. This is a story of human triumph."

—Nina Totenberg, *NPR*

"Big-hearted...A powerful defense of empathy...She has spent her life imagining her way into the hearts of everyone around her...Anyone wondering how a child raised in public housing, without speaking English, by an alcoholic father and a largely absent mother could become the first Latina on the Supreme Court will find the answer in these pages. It didn't take just a village: It took a country."

—Dahlia Lithwick, *The Washington Post*

"*My Beloved World*" is filled with inspiring, and surprisingly candid, stories about how the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice overcame a troubled childhood to attend Princeton and Yale Law School, eventually earning a seat on the nation's highest court."

—Carla Main, *Wall Street Journal*

"Remarkable...A portrait of a genuinely interesting person."

—Michael Tomasky, *Daily Beast*

"In a refreshing conversational style, Sotomayor tells her fascinating life story with the hope of providing "comfort, perhaps even inspiration" to others, particularly children, who face hard times. "People who live in difficult circumstances," Sotomayor writes in her preface, "need to know that happy endings are possible."

—Jay Wexler, *Boston Globe*

"Classic Sotomayor: intelligent, gregarious and at times disarmingly personal...A portrait of an underprivileged but brilliant young woman who makes her way into the American elite and does her best to reform it from the inside...I certainly hope *My Beloved World* inspires readers to chase their dreams."

—Jason Farago, *NPR*

"Vital, loving, and incisive...In this revealing memoir, Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor candidly and gracefully recounts her formative years. Her memoir shows both her continued self-reliance and her passion for community."

—*Library Journal* (Starred review)

“Justice Sotomayor recounts numerous obstacles and remarkable achievements in this personal and inspiring autobiography...Readers across the board will be moved by this intimate look at the life of a justice.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Amazingly candid... an intimate and honest look at her extraordinary life and the support and blessings that propelled her forward.”

—*Booklist* (Starred review)

“Graceful, authoritative memoir...Mature, life-affirming musings from a venerable life shaped by tenacity and pride.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Debbie Brown:

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Frances Oberlin:

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