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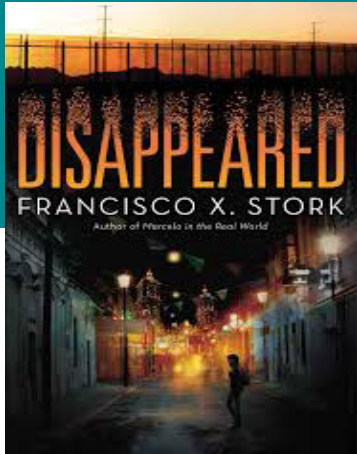
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Book Review

Disappeared

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Young Adult

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326

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9780545944472

Siblings Emiliano and Sara are relatively content with their simple lives in Mexico until Sara's best friend disappears one day after work. She is one of many young girls who have gone missing in the city recently, but thanks to the corrupt state police, nothing is happening. Sara, a reporter, attempts to put together clues and hints in order to find her friend and the other girls. Emiliano is trying to grow his business while trying to court the beautiful Perla Rubi. He gets an opportunity to participate in some drug trafficking, but experiences turmoil over the decision. Sara's actions lead to the family being forced to flee Mexico and go to the United States, where their father has been living for the past few years. Ultimately, Sara seeks asylum in the US and it is implied that Emiliano makes contact with his estranged father and goes to live with him.

The story is exciting in this newest novel from award-winning author Francisco X. Stork, but his writing style remains very matter-of-fact and straightforward. Many readers admire this in storytelling, and fans of authors such as Roland Smith will appreciate the no-nonsense approach Stork takes to writing. The characters have sympathetic plights and are very relatable. They also bring another side to a story that many Americans may not normally see in the case of illegal immigration from Mexico. The mystery is unraveled at a quick but approachable pace, and the excitement remains until the very end. Overall, this is a great book for readers who don't like sentimental plots or characters, or those who want to read an exciting adventure with just a touch of drama.

*Contains mild language and moderate violence.