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Book Review

Us, in Progress: Stories About Young Latinos

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Rating

Excellent

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Intermediate

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242

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From poverty to health crises, to moving to a new place, Lulu Delacre's *Us in Progress* is a collection of short stories that provides a range of life experiences from young latinos/latinas in the United States. Based on true stories that Delacre gathered from news articles and personal experiences, the authenticity of the characters is both relatable and relevant. The stories each begin with a uniquely Spanish saying and a beautiful illustration of the story's main character. While the stories are punctuated with some Spanish vocabulary, Delacre provides a set of translations in the back, thus making the impactful stories accessible to all readers.

The modern take on this red, white, and blue cover introduce the important theme of this text and make it an attractive book for children to reach for. This text appropriately relates to the middle school-aged audience with a range of stories that feature heavy themes in a relatable and understandable way for this young audience. Themes such as death, police prejudice, and poverty are expressed through the eyes of the children experiencing them, equitably building a base for this often misrepresented population. Overall, this is an important book, well-crafted to provide students with an important perspective.

*Contains mild language.