

AUSTIN ISD DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS PRESENTS

SONIA NAZARIO

Author of Enrique's Journey

The story of one boy's dangerous journey to reunite with his mother SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2014





About the Book

Enrique is only five years old when his mother leaves her starving family in Honduras and illegally enters the United States in search of a better life. Her plan is to make enough money for Enrique and his sister to join her. Opportunities for immigrants like Enrique's mother are few, however, and she cannot deliver on her promise. Years later, at age sixteen, Enrique is still in Honduras, and his resentment toward his mother is increasing. Yet his urge to see her is so great that he sets out on a dangerous journey through Mexico, across the US border, and eventually to North Carolina. He encounters with bandits, corrupt cops, and dishonest coyotes. Enrique's Journey is the story of a family torn apart, yearning to be together again, and trying to heal deep wounds—a story all too common among America's newcomers.

SEPTEMBER 18 THURSDAY 6:30-8:30 P.M.

English presentation for Austin ISD community

<u>Location:</u> Travis High School Auditorium 1211 E. Oltorf Refreshments, child care, and Spanish-speaking interpreters will be provided. Door prizes.

SEPTEMBER 19 FRIDAY 6:30-8:30 p.m.

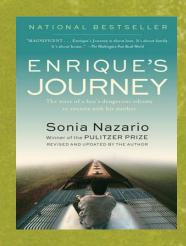
Spanish presentation and guest panel for parents of Austin ISD students

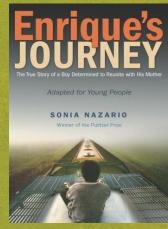
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About the Author

Sonia Nazario was a projects reporter for the Los Angeles Times and staff writer for the Wall Street Journal. She has spent more than two decades reporting and writing about social issues. In addition to numerous national journalism and book awards she won the Pulitzer Prize for her work on the newspaper series that served as the basis for the adult edition of Enrique's Journey. Sonia Nazario grew up in Kansas and in Argentina and currently lives in Los Angeles.







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