

HIGH SPIRITS

by Camille Gomera-Tavarez

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):

Contemporary

Action/adventure

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Romance

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other:

High Spirits by Camille Gomera-Tavarez is a collection of interconnected short stories following multiple generations of a Dominican family. Each story explores themes of heritage, belonging, and the challenges of balancing tradition with modern life. The characters navigate life in both the Dominican Republic and the United States, revealing how culture and family shape their identities.

I found the variety of perspectives and settings engaging, as each story highlighted a different aspect of the family's shared past and present. The author's writing style is clear and heartfelt, offering a look into both the joys and difficulties of being part of a large, close-knit family. Readers who enjoy character driven tales and insights into Dominican or broader Latin experiences would appreciate the sense of warmth and authenticity throughout the collection.

I recommend High Spirits to anyone wanting short stories with a strong cultural focus and nuanced emotional depth. The book balances everyday struggles, like conflicts between generations, with moments of celebration and connection. Overall, it's a reflective, uplifting read that gives a thoughtful portrayal of familial bonds and cultural identity.

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