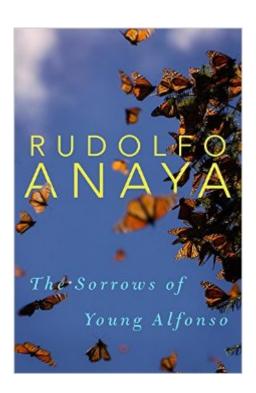
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# The Sorrows Of Young Alfonso (Chicana And Chicano Visions Of The Americas Series)





## Synopsis

â œThe world is full of sorrow,â • Agapita whispered to Alfonso.Did she stamp those words into his destiny? The story of Alfonso, a Nuevo Mexicano, begins with his birth, when the curandera Agapita delivers these haunting words into his infant ear. What then unfolds is an elegiac song to the llanos of New Mexico where Alfonso comes of age. As this exquisite novel charts Alfonsoâ ™s life journey from childhood through his education and evolution as a writer, renowned Chicano author Rudolfo Anaya invites readers to reflect on the truths and mysteries of the human condition. Because Alfonso â œdidnâ ™t write his own biography,â • it falls to his childhood friend, the anonymous narrator here, to tell his story, through a series of letters addressed to a mysterious figure named K. The narrator depicts young Alfonso caught between dual influences: his beloved, devout Catholic mother, Rafaelita, and the folk healer Agapita. After suffering a terrible accident that leaves him physically handicapped, Alfonso faces intellectual crises during his university years, all of which move him down the path of his destiny. In describing these events, the â cold manâ • writing the letters interweaves Alfonsoâ ™s experiences with fragments of his own life and of the New Mexican llano that both men have called home. The trajectory of Alfonsoâ ™s life in turn mirrors the history of New Mexico and the turbulent beginnings of the Chicano movement in which the young protagonist plays a trailblazing role. As story builds upon story, the commonality of traits among the narrator, his subject, and perhaps Anaya himself appears more than coincidental. Permeated by Anayaâ ™s trademark religious and mythological imagery, The Sorrows of Young Alfonso is a luminous meditation on memory, reality, and the human experience.

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Rudolfo Anaya has done it again! This novel is sad, yet uplifting. Anaya once again has made me realize that we can overcome hardships, and become strong in spite of, or maybe because of losses and struggles that are so much a part of life. His depth is awe inspiring.

My mom loves this author. She read about the book in the local news paper and wanted to read the book. Her birthday was coming up so I thought perfect gift. She loved the book!

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