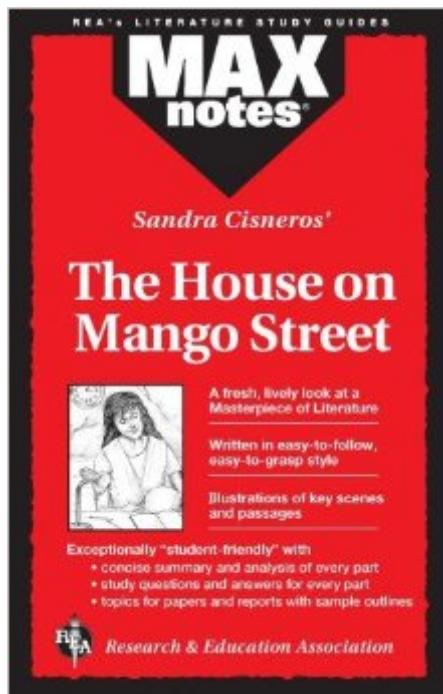


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# The House On Mango Street (MAXNotes)



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I teach this piece of literature to my Freshman classes of Intro to Literature. At first glance, this tiny novel is deceptively simple in its structure and format. Without serious looking at the novel, it would appear to be flat and empty. Most of the chapters are less than 1 1/2 pages. There is no strong plot line but mere episodes in Esperanza's life and neighborhood. Yet, if you read this piece of literature as Sandra Cisneros wrote it to be read as a extended poem rather than a prose work, you can begin to see the depth of the characters and the action in the novel. The uses of color, imagery, and simple language all make the poetic influence stronger. For example, in the chapter titled "Hips", Esperanza describes her hips as "Ready and waiting like a new Buick with the keys in the ignition.

"Ready to take you where?" (pg.49) House on Mango Street is a great piece of writing with many layers to it that teachers are always looking for instruction in a literature class.

I truly didn't want to read this book, but I did, because it was required for my English class. I got confused sometimes, because no quotes were used, but then I got used to it. I liked the book, and I felt that it was very well written. It seemed to take the reader through Esperanza's life. This was a great novel because it's reality, and it shows how many of us can achieve our dreams, and we don't have to continue any kind of pattern in life that others expect you can't get out of.

I love the concentrated information concerning "House on Mango Street." All the information I need to plan a unit is all in one place. I wouldn't LOVE for MAXnotes to create more of these books for more of the reading material in my school's classroom sets. Oh well. I'm going to buy more of these books.

This book helped me discover themes from a book I've read 6 times that I never found! Very helpful to understanding the text, the relationships and how it relates to human development. It was broken down by chapters and explained each character's connections and significance. I loaned it to a friend who had the same response! Absolutely helped me get an "A" on my paper! BUY IT!

I enjoyed reading it. It reminded me of how insightful young children are to the world around them. It examined Esperanza's life and the type of community she grew up in. It was a great book, but I was a little confused in the beginning. It was humourous and intriguing.

Is it about the book, or is it about the fact that this is my first book on the Kindle App for iPad? Of course it is about both! Kindle App is certainly one of the best reader apps I have encountered. I don't think I have to rate the book. It has won so many accolades that it speaks for itself.

The book The House On Mango Street, was an interesting book. It made you look at things differently and see what life would be like as a Mexican, or even Mexican American. For people who really aren't open to the culture, it gives them a look into the lives of others, and for me, gave me a respect for the women of the Mexican culture. I think that this is a very good book for people to read, and learn about others.

I personally liked this book. It reminded me of the times in which I was growing up in the Bronx. I also would sit outside with my friends and look at the stars. The people from other neighborhoods would come into ours and would be very afraid to pass by because they also didn't know any better.

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