



# Esperanza Rising

A novel by Pam Munoz Ryan

## Visual Text Support

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# Las Guayabas ~ Guavas



# The Rodriguez Rancho

Fig grove

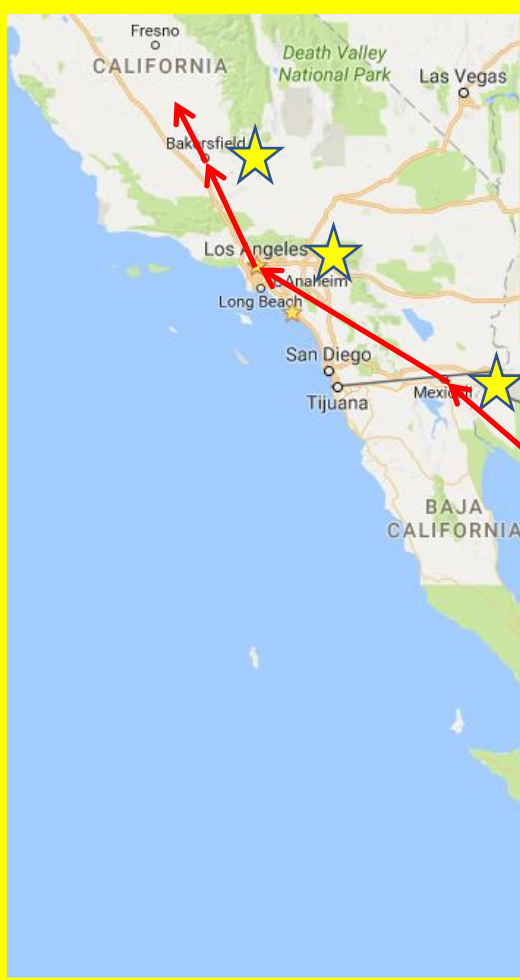
Pigeons in  
barn rafters

Pear orchard

lantern

Farm  
wagon







**“I looked out the window to see six men, their faces covered with handkerchiefs, and they all held rifles. They were renegades who thought they had permission to steal from the rich and give to the poor.”**

**Renegade- a person who rejects lawful behavior**

**“We were in your bedroom and I was pinning the hem of your beautiful blue silk dress.”**



**“Stealing the silver” – Silver was an attractive item to robbers because it was easy to find in the house and sell later. The silver was actually silver spoons, forks, knives, tea pots and trays made from the precious metal.**

First Class  
Dining Car on  
train

Privileged- rich  
Doting- to  
shower  
attention on  
someone



Mango  
flower

The Way Things  
Used To Be...

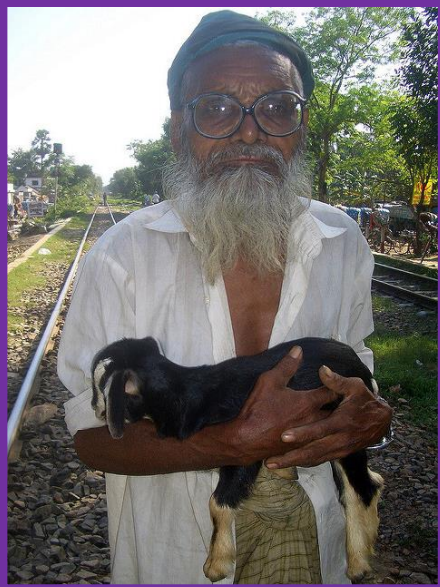
Porter –  
person  
who  
helps  
with  
luggage  
and  
escorts  
or leads  
the way



Third Class – the cheapest seats on the train



Second-hand – used



Urine - pee

The Way Things Are  
Now...



# Our Lady of Guadalupe

In 1531 Juan Diego, an Aztec peasant saw several visions of the Virgin Mary. The Bishop at the church did not believe him. He demanded a miracle as proof.

Mary appeared again, cured Juan's uncle, told him where to find blooming roses in winter and take them to the bishop as proof. Juan did, and as he opened his cloak the flowers fell out.

On the lining of his cloak was an image of Mary.

In honor of the miraculous event, a shrine was built to honor Mary, now called Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She is the motherly saint of love, compassion and hope for suffering and oppressed people.





*Nopales* is Spanish for the prickly pear cactus. It can be eaten pickled or cooked.

Squares of  
Coconut  
candy



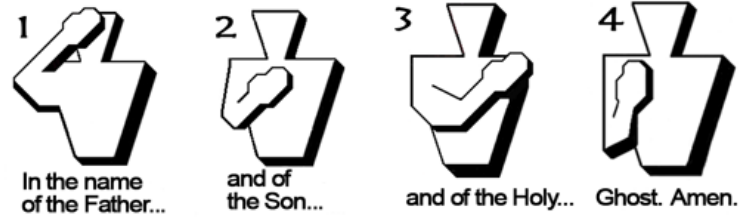
*Pepinos* are sliced cucumbers sprinkled with salt and ground *chiles*.



A roadside shrine



Alms – money or food given to the poor  
Rebozo – a blanket shawl



*The Sign of the Cross is a spiritual gesture made by Catholics.*

# Yarn doll



*Mona means doll in Spanish.*

# Crocheted doily



## Oilcloths, Inlaid and Printed Linoleums

**Heavy Printed Linoleums**  
**67-086.** Heavy Printed Linoleum Rug, made in the place of mercerized, good wearing quality. Packed in strong paper bags.  
 8 x 8 feet 11.50 14.50 20.00 23.00  
 Per yard Per 2 yds Per 3 yds Per 4 yds

**Matting Design**  
**67-084.** Floor Oilcloth. A very neat matting design in good color combination. This is a great look and wear well. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 85c  
 2 yards wide 1.70

**Neat Pattern**  
**67-096.** Heavy Printed Linoleum, 2 yards wide only. A black and tile design that will look and wear well. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 2.90

**Artistic**

**67-118.** Heavy Printed Linoleum, four yards wide. This is a very neat design and color combination. Per running yard, 4 yards wide, 6.40  
 Freight add. 6.40

**67-120.** Printed Linoleum, four yards wide. This is a very neat design and color combination. Per running yard, 4 yards wide, 5.75  
 Freight add. 5.75

**67-122.** Printed Linoleum, four yards wide. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 4 yards wide, 5.75  
 Freight add. 5.75

**67-124.** Printed Linoleum, four yards wide. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 4 yards wide, 5.75  
 Freight add. 5.75

**67-126.** Printed Linoleum, four yards wide. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 4 yards wide, 5.75  
 Freight add. 5.75

**Oilcloth Rugs**  
**67-092.** Heavy Quality Oilcloth Rugs made in the place of mercerized, good wearing quality. Packed in strong paper bags. Inexpensively priced and in good demand.  
 4 ft. x 7 1/2 feet 4.75 6.9 feet 7.75 8.9 feet 11.50  
 Freight Paid Freight Paid

**Floor Oilcloth**  
**67-098.** Floor Oilcloth in a good color and tile design that will look neat and clean.  
 1 yard wide 85c  
 1 1/2 yards wide 1.30  
 2 yards wide 1.70  
 2 1/2 yards wide 2.15

**Floral Design**  
**67-100.** Floor Oilcloth in a good color and tile design that will look neat and clean.  
 1 yard wide 85c  
 1 1/2 yards wide 1.30  
 2 yards wide 1.70  
 2 1/2 yards wide 2.15

**Sanitary**

**67-102.** Inlaid Linoleum, 2 yards wide only. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 4.90  
 Freight add. 4.90

**67-104.** Inlaid Linoleum, 2 yards wide only. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 4.90  
 Freight add. 4.90

**67-106.** Inlaid Linoleum, 2 yards wide only. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 4.90  
 Freight add. 4.90

**Neat Designs in Serviceable Printed Linoleums**

**67-114.** Printed Linoleum, 2 yards wide only. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 2.55  
 Freight add. 2.55

**Semi-Matting Effect**  
**67-116.** Printed Linoleum, 2 yards wide only. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 2.55  
 Freight add. 2.55

**Pretty Floral Design**  
**67-118.** Printed Linoleum, 2 yards wide only. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 2.55  
 Freight add. 2.55

**Oilcloths, Inlaid and Printed Linoleums**

**Serviceable Linoleums in Popular Colors**  
**67-088** Printed Linoleum, two yards wide only, a splendid tile design and popular color combination that will look neat and clean. Very desirable for Kitchen, Hall, Living-room or Bedroom use. This Linoleum is of a good weight and will give splendid service, and is easily kept clean. Order by number.  
 Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 2.55

**Durable Inlaid Linoleums**  
**67-102.** Inlaid Linoleum, 2 yards wide only. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 4.90  
 Freight add. 4.90

**67-104.** Inlaid Linoleum, 2 yards wide only. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 4.90  
 Freight add. 4.90

**67-106.** Inlaid Linoleum, 2 yards wide only. A design and color combination that will give a general average. Per running yard, 2 yards wide, 4.90  
 Freight add. 4.90

Oilcloth is a fabric with a waterproof coating that feels like plastic. It resists soiling or staining.

“Have you never noticed?” Miguel said, sounding surprised. “Those with Spanish blood, who have the fairest complexions in the land, are the wealthiest.”



**Complexion refers to skin color. What do you think Miguel is talking about? Do you agree with him that skin color and privilege go together?**

## Comprehension Questions- Las Guayabas

1. Where does Hortencia, Esperanza and Ramona hide?
2. Claustrophobia is the feeling of being trapped in an enclosed space. How does Ramona help Esperanza through these feelings?
3. What is a peasant? What is Esperanza's opinion of them?
4. What is the difference in Esperanza's and Ramona's reaction to the little girl and the doll?
5. What do you think is in Miguel's oilcloth bundle?
6. What does Miguel mean when he says you need a lever or connections to get a job on the railroad?
7. "Full bellies and Spanish blood go hand in hand."  
What do you think this quote means?