

***Don't Be Afraid Gringo: A Honduran Woman Speaks from the Heart: the Story of Elvia Alvarado***

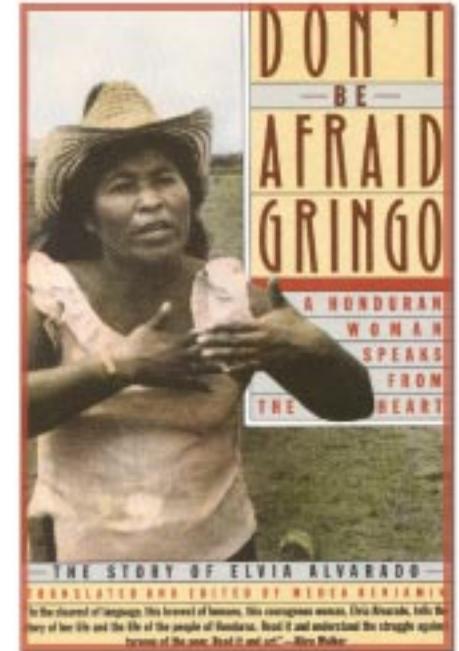
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***Difficulty Level: 3-4***

This book is about Elvia Alvarado, a poor woman in Honduras. She had a hard childhood. Her brothers worked in the field. She worked in the house. The school that she went to only went to second grade. She repeated second grade 5 times until she was 12 because she really wanted to learn. By the time she was 15 she had a baby. She had six children when she was a teenager. She met Alberto and she lived with him for 15 years, but he drank just like her father. Then she got involved in Church, and it opened her eyes to let her know she had a right to speak up for herself. She started to get more and more involved in helping all poor people fight for their rights. Elvia talks about the struggle of all the campesinos, the poor people who work the land in Honduras. Elvia explains Honduran customs and compares the three social classes in a easy to understand manner. We recommend this book for reading and writing classes because it is a story about a brave woman who changed her life and worked to help others fight for their rights. It is interesting and this happens today, not just in Honduras, kids having kids and poor people struggling to survive. So we would also recommend this book for teenagers.

**What we liked about this book**

- It's interesting, gets our attention
- Some people can relate to it
- It's like real life
- It teaches about history
- It encourages us, makes us think about our life
- It doesn't use too much slang
- It's for adults
- It's for kids
- We feel comfortable thinking about the subject of the book
- It describes the place really well
- It's easy to follow what's happening
- It has some difficult words
- The sentences are not too long
- The paragraphs are a good size
- It has pictures



**What we didn't like about this book**

- It's sad
- It has small size print (but you can make a photocopy to make it bigger)