

ABSTRACT

AN EVENING WITHOUT SONG WILL NOT BE REMEMBERED: A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES

This thesis contains five short stories meant to explore human relationships and the decisions made that often alter those lives permanently. The stories probe a variety of themes, including love, coming of age, materialism, depression, and triumph. Although most of the stories are centered on the Mexican-American experience, a couple of the stories were written to break down cross-cultural boundaries. It is this writer's belief that all stories told connect to readers in ways they never expected. The child can be the adult. The adult can be the child. And emotions are experienced by all.

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