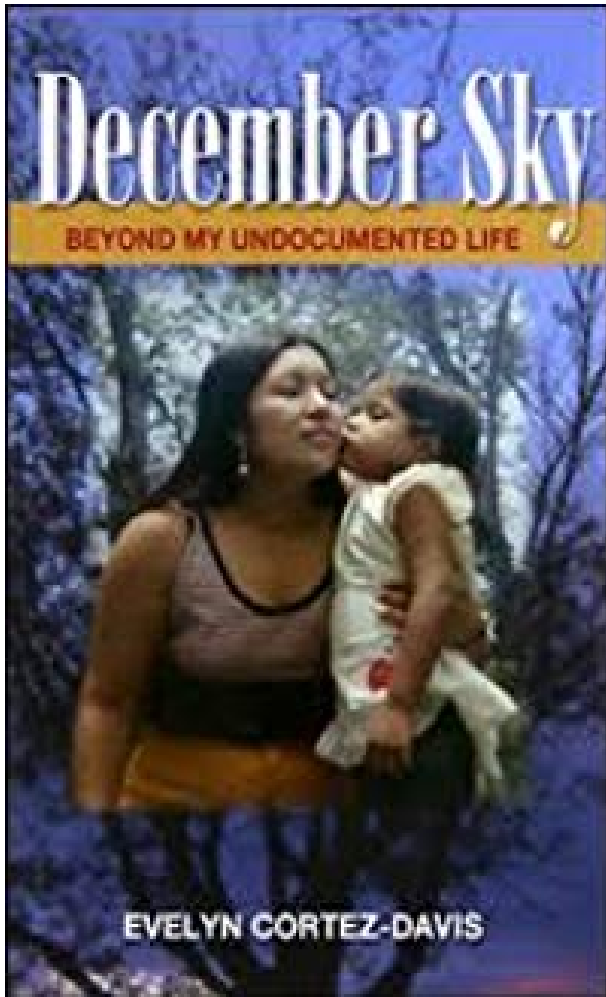


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DECEMBER SKY is the true story of a 12-year old immigrant girl growing up in suburban L.A. in the early 80s, her years as an undocumented student and subsequent success, thanks to the 1986 Amnesty What do ILLEGAL ALIENS look like? Where do they live and work? Most intriguingly, WHY ARE THEY HERE? In search of a better future, millions from all over the world choose to start over from the bottom in the United States. They often take jobs others reject: they wash cars, mow lawns, clean houses, and raise other peoples children, while leaving their own thousands of miles away. Many uproot their entire families to find better opportunities in the U.S. They silently accept derogatory labels like ILLEGAL ALIEN Alien and WETBACK as a small price to pay for the American Dream. DECEMBER SKY by Evelyn Cortez-Davis is the true story of a Central American Child transplanted to suburban Los Angeles at age 12, among the one million who took part in the Salvadoran Diaspora of the 1980s. This is her journey as a child amidst a Civil War, as one of four daughters in a risky trip through Mexico, and as an undocumented student with American ideals, who realizes her vision of a college education. This is one of the thousands of unspoken success stories made possible by the Immigration Reform and Control Act (Amnesty) of 1986, which allowed so many to reach far beyond their underground lives as undocumented immigrants, often despite insurmountable odds.