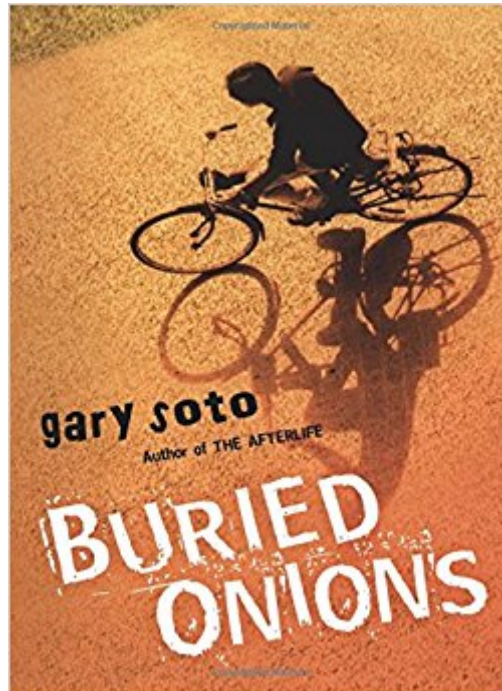




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# Buried Onions



## Synopsis

Eddie's father, two uncles, and best friend are all dead, and it's a struggle for him not to end up the same way. Violence makes Fresno wallow in tears, as if a huge onion were buried beneath the city. Making an effort to walk a straight line despite constant temptations and frustrations, Eddie searches for answers--and discovers that his closest friends may actually be his worst enemies. Includes a reader's guide and a glossary of Spanish words and phrases.

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## Customer Reviews

Eddie can always smell onions in the air--the sharp bitter odor of hopelessness and anger that haunts the poor side of Fresno. "I had a theory about those vapors, which were not released by the sun's heat but by a huge onion buried under the city. This onion made us cry. Tears leapt from our eyelashes and stained our faces." Eddie tries to escape from the poverty and gang society that surrounds him by taking vocational classes and staying away from his old "cholos," (gang friends). But when his cousin is killed, his aunt urges him to seek out and punish the murderer. To avoid the pressure building in his neighborhood, Eddie takes a landscaping job in an affluent suburb. But this too goes awry when his boss's truck is stolen while in his care. In the end, with his money gone and a dangerous gang member stalking him, Eddie's only choice is to join the military and hope that they can give him a better future than the one Fresno seems to offer. There is no tidy closure--certainly no happy ending--to this bleak novel. But that is exactly what gives *Buried Onions* its strong, acidic

flavor. Teens with a low tolerance for any type of pretense will appreciate Gary Soto's honesty in not trying to force a fairy-tale ending. In spare but always striking prose, Soto has written an unrelentingly grim story that teens will savor because it rings true. (Ages 13 and older) --Jennifer Hubert --This text refers to the Audio Cassette edition.

This bleak, claustrophobic novel perfectly captures the cyclical despair of its [19-year-old, Hispanic protagonist], said PW; Soto leaves this bitter street tale unsweetened to the end. Ages 12-up.-, said PW; Soto leaves this bitter street tale unsweetened to the end. Ages 12-up. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Audio Cassette edition.

This was on my son's 6th grade reading list. We knew the subject matter would be hard, but we were both shocked by how horrible the language was in it. Would have been a great conversation starter about the horrible situations some kids are facing in this world, but the language made it so my son didn't even want to read the book.

I mean. This book was okay, maybe I would've liked it better if I wasn't forced to read it in school. It felt very slow paced. The book is about how the character has to get over the struggles of living in Fresno California and having a bunch of untrustworthy friends.

The seller was great but the book is awful

I just don't like the book it's boring but shipping was fast and the price was good.

I love how this novel picks up on the lives of characters from "The Afterlife." From page one we were interested in their actions. Soto's many metaphors enrich the vocabulary of the young reader.

Ok book for high school summer reading assignment.

Good Read

The book is like new! great deal though.Thank you!

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