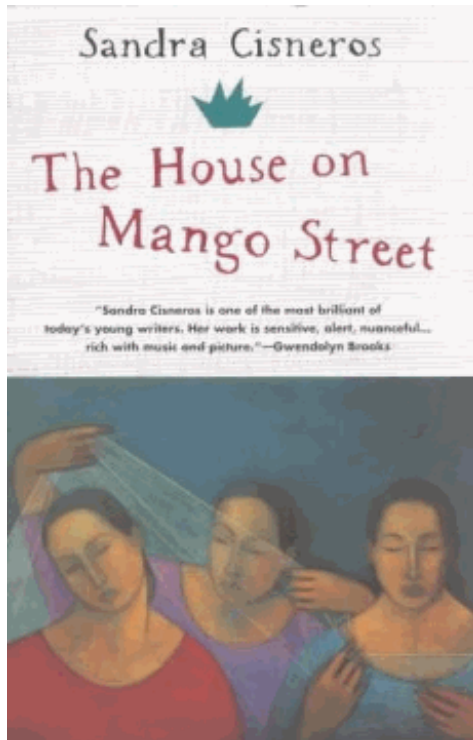


THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET



Summary of Concerns:

This book contains violence involving child abuse and domestic violence; and sexual assault.

Adult

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| 63 | <p>What he did. Where he touched me. I didn't want it, Sally. The way they said it, the way it's supposed to be, all the storybooks and movies, why did you lie to me? ... Why didn't you hear me when I called? Why didn't you tell them to leave me alone? The one who grabbed me by the arm, he wouldn't let me go. He said I love you, Spanish girl, I love you, and pressed his sour mouth to mine. Sally, make him stop. I couldn't make them go away. I couldn't do anything but cry. I don't remember. It was dark. I don't remember. I don't remember. Please don't make me tell it all.</p> <p>...He wouldn't let me go. He said I love you, I love you, Spanish girl.</p> |
| 92 | <p>He never hits me hard. She said her mama rubs lard on all the places where it hurts. Then at school she'd say she fell. That's where all the blue places come from. That's why her skin is always scarred.</p> <p>But who believes her. A girl that big, a girl who comes in with her pretty face all beaten and black can't be falling off the stairs. He never hits me hard.</p> <p>But Sally doesn't tell about that time he hit her with his hands just like a dog, she said, like if I was an animal.</p> <p>...Until the way Sally tells it, he just went crazy, he just forgot he was her father between the buckle and the belt.</p> <p>You're not my daughter, you're not my daughter.</p> <p>And then he broke into his hands.</p> |
| 101 | <p>She met a marshmallow salesman at a school bazaar, and she married him in another state where it's legal to get married before eighth grade.</p> <p>...Sally says she likes being married because now she gets to buy her own things when her husband gives her money. She is happy, except sometimes her husband gets angry and once he broke the door where his foot went through, though most days he is okay. Except he won't let her talk on the telephone. And he doesn't let her look out the window. And he doesn't like her friends, so nobody gets to visit her unless he is working.</p> |