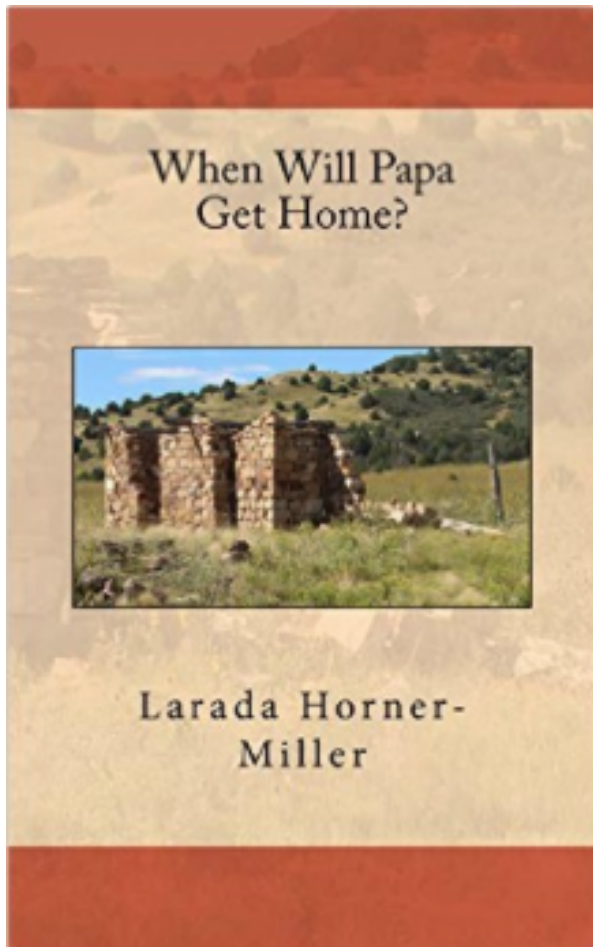


WHEN WILL PAPA GET HOME?

While rummaging through her jewelry box, forty-year-old Maria encounters a blue marble and is transported back to her childhood—to the old rock-and-adobe homestead house known as “the Philly Place,” named after her father, Philadelphia Gonzales. Located a few miles east of Branson in southeastern Colorado, it’s where she finds herself anxiously awaiting her papa’s return in 1928.

As Maria relives her past, the story explores the lives of Mexican-Americans who moved West and their struggle with prejudice and cultural barriers during the 1920s and '30s.

Maria’s story is one of determination and hope. Her family fled the political chaos of Mexico only to come under a dark cloud of injustice in America. But after leaving behind the solitary life on the high plains she so loves, Maria goes on to harness the power of bilingualism and find her own path toward reconciling the past.



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