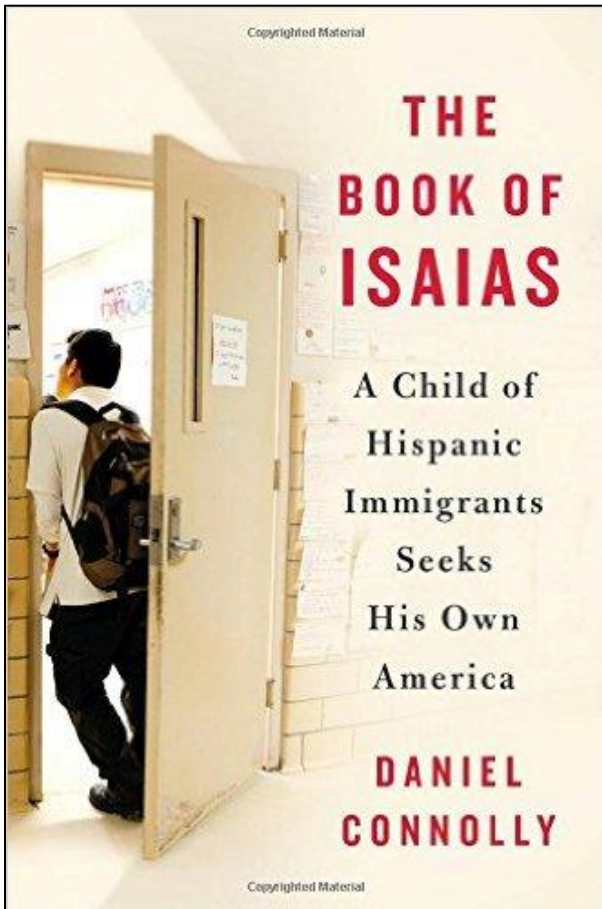


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Book Synopsis: The Book of Isaias: A Child of Hispanic Immigrants Seeks His Own America



“A story of one child of (unauthorized) immigrants that has much wider, timely resonance.” - Kirkus.

At Kingsbury High School in Memphis, a brilliant 18-year-old son of Mexican immigrants named Isaias Ramos sets out on the journey to college. He faces make-or-break standardized testing, immigration bureaucracy, absurdly high college costs, family responsibilities, and most importantly, the siren song of doubt. This remarkable true narrative follows Isaias and his friends for more than three years as they seek their purpose in life, fall in love and break up, and face surprising twists of fate. The characters in this modern yet timeless story will stay with you long after you turn the final page. And now that one in four young people in America is a child of immigrants, this is essential reading.