

## ***I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika Sanchez**

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*I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika Sanchez is a realistic fiction novel. It is not a part of a series. This book originally interested me because I was assigned the task of finding a cultural book and reading it. I was incredibly surprised by how much I ended up liking it. This book focuses on a girl named Julia who is a second generation immigrant living in Chicago with her family. Her parents are both from Mexico and are undocumented. The story starts off with Julia's sister Olga passing away. This story shows the view of a girl trying to fit in, grieve, and assimilate to American culture, while also trying to hold on to her own culture. I loved this book because the main character was extremely relatable and the book had realistic teenage dialogue, which I find rare. It reminded me of *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan, when the main character went back to Mexico. I would imagine a teenager who has immigrated to America would enjoy this book, or someone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. I loved this book and I would recommend it. The cover isn't extremely interesting, but it does convey the book.



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