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This book describes the interesting reactions of children toward the compulsory teaching of English in the colonial/postcolonial context of Puerto Rico. It discusses how these children perceive the images of Latino characters embedded in the stories found in the textbooks used to teach English. Racism, bilingual education, national and cultural identity issues were brought up by the children and discussed through a critical lens.

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