



Pedro Martín

Mexikid Dreams: A Graphic Memoir

Why read this book?

Pedro spends his weekends and summers picking strawberries with his family, but he dreams of a different future filled with music, art, and new possibilities. As he navigates family responsibilities, growing up, and the challenges his Mexican American family faces, Pedro begins to better understand the sacrifices his parents and grandparents made to create opportunities for him. This heartfelt graphic memoir explores identity, perseverance, family history, and the importance of honoring your roots while following your own path.

Great for readers who...

- Enjoy graphic novels based on true stories and real-life experiences
- Like stories about family, identity, and growing up
- Are interested in Mexican American culture, immigration, and family history
- Enjoy characters who dream big while learning to appreciate where they come from
- Like heartfelt, humorous stories about perseverance, creativity, and finding your own path



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—Booklist Medal-winning author MISTI DE LA PENA

**MEXIKID
DREAMS**

A GRAPHIC MEMOIR

BY MEXICAN-AMERICAN AUTHOR
PEDRO MARTIN

1. How do Pedro's dreams for his future change throughout the story? What experiences influence his thinking?
2. What do Pedro's parents and abuelito teach him about perseverance, sacrifice, and creating opportunities for future generations?
3. How do the illustrations help you better understand Pedro's emotions, memories, and experiences? Share an example from the book.

1. Talk about a dream or goal you have for the future. What steps can you take now to help make it happen?
2. Pedro learns more about his family's story. Ask a family member to share a memory from their childhood or a challenge they overcame. What did you learn from their story?
3. Discuss a time when someone in your family made a sacrifice to help others. How did that act of kindness or hard work make a difference?

A Memory That Changed Me

Like Pedro, everyone has experiences that shape who they become. Write a memoir about an important moment in your life. Describe what happened, how you felt, what you learned, and how the experience changed you. Include sensory details and reflections to help readers understand why this memory is meaningful.



SMART Goal Planner

Think about something you would like to accomplish. Use the SMART Goal Planner to turn your dream into a plan. Write a goal that is **Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound**.

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Specific: What exactly do I want to accomplish?

M

Measurable: How will I know I reached my goal?

A

Achievable: What can I do to make this goal happen?

R

Relevant: Why is this goal important to me?

T

Time-Bound: When do I want to achieve this goal?

My SMART goal:
