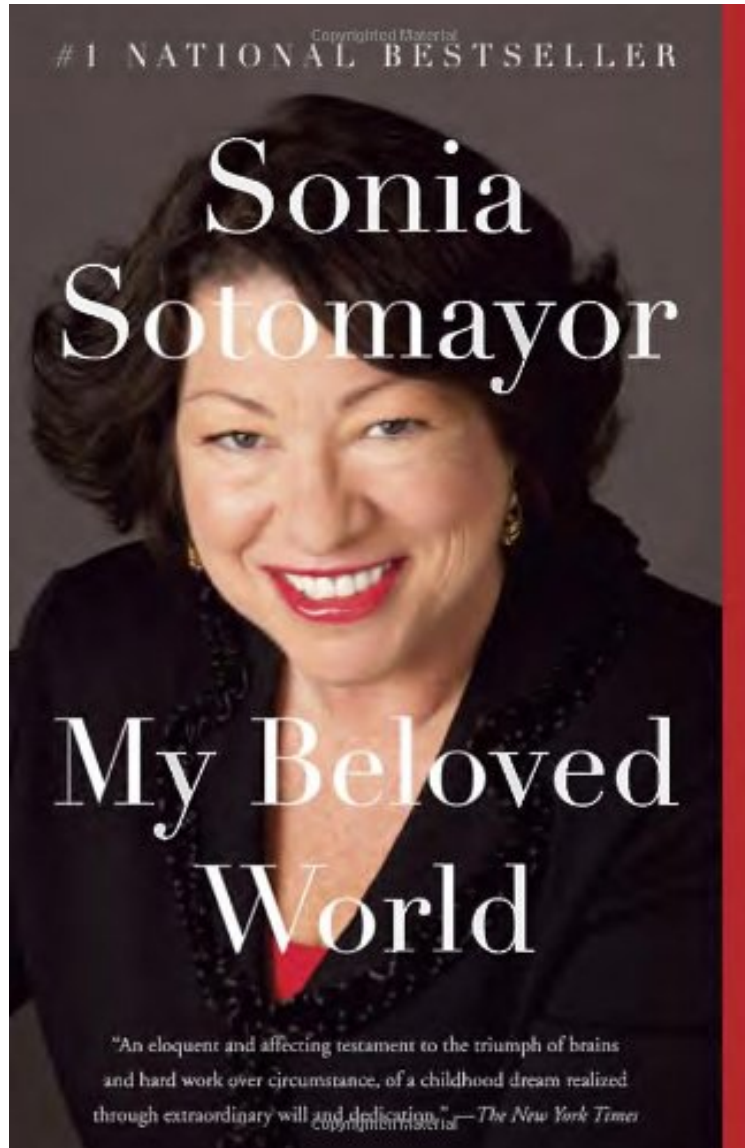


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**Sonia Sotomayor : My Beloved World** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Beloved World:

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Sotomayor is the culmination of the perfect storm: A lovely summer storm that clears out the stink and gives hope that the sun may shine in the morning. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. From Puerto Rican Roots to a seat on the US Supreme Court By Bonnie J. Clark Throughout her early years and into her adulthood, Sonia Sotomayor has been open to listening and learning. Her passion became the Law and what it stood for. With her infatuation for Perry Mason (as a young girl), came her desire to practice law. And, her self-determination and self-efficiency, though she struggled with the poor neighborhood where she lived, and her father's young death, she persevered. Graduating at the top of her High School Class, and then acceptance into Princeton (graduation Summa Cum Laude) and then attendance of Law School at Yale, she kept herself focused. Ever striving to learn more and more. However, along with this determination came sacrifice. She dealt with the failure of her marriage, and even as an adult, prejudice in both College and in the workplace. She worked hard, earning all she accomplished and became a prosecuting Attorney for the New York City DA's office. After working there for several years (Quite successfully), she continued to focus on her #1 goal to become a Judge. So, she became defense attorney. Her judgeship came late, and then her nomination to and confirmation into the U S Supreme Court. Sonia tells her story with heartfelt emotions that is truly engaging. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Read By John T David I had no idea what to expect when I saw the cover of the memoir My beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor. Once diving into the book you learn about the hardships and overcoming those hardships. Throughout the book she learns to be almost fully independent and not relying on anyone when put in a tough situation. She experienced a divorce with her highschool sweetheart. In the book it reads, In that unhesitating matter-of-fact reply was a truth that I could no longer shut out: our marriage was over. (Sotomayor, Page 281) in which she had to support herself and learn to go her own way. Whether it was her struggle with diabetes at an early age, her troubles with her parents, her persistence through college and her early career and the loss of loved ones, Sonia always was able to work through the things that made her life hard. She was able to learn from all of the experiences in her life, good or bad, and got to where she wanted to be in her life. At the end of the book, she tells her mother she is getting a job as a U.S. district court judge in Manhattan. She has to balance the takeaway of being a low salary and in the book it reads, Its the president who appoints federal district court judges. (Sotomayor, Page 373)

The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself. Here is the story of a precarious childhood, with an alcoholic father (who would die when she was nine) and a devoted but overburdened mother, and of the refuge a little girl took from the turmoil at home with her passionately spirited paternal grandmother. But it was when she was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes that the precocious Sonia recognized she must ultimately depend on herself. She would learn to give herself the insulin shots she needed to survive and soon imagined a path to a different life. With only television characters for her professional role models, and little understanding of what was involved, she determined to become a lawyer, a dream that would sustain her on an unlikely course, from valedictorian of her high school class to the highest honors at Princeton, Yale Law School, the New York County District Attorneys office, private practice, and appointment to the Federal District Court before the age of forty. Along the way we see how she was shaped by her invaluable mentors, a failed marriage, and the modern version of extended family she has created from cherished friends and their children. Through her still-astonished eyes, Americas infinite possibilities are envisioned anew in this warm and honest book, destined to become a classic of self-invention and self-discovery.

.com Best Books of the Month, January 2013: Happily, it is becoming a familiar story: The young, smart, and very hardworking son or daughter of immigrants rises to the top of American professional life. But already knowing the arc of Sonia Sotomayor's biography doesn't adequately prepare you for the sound of her voice in this winning memoir that ends, interestingly, before the Yale Law School grad was sworn in as the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice. Hers is a voice that lands squarely between self-deprecating and proud, grateful and defiant; a voice lilted with bits of Puerto Rican poetry; a voice full of anger, sadness, ambition, and love. My Beloved World is one resonant, glorious tale of struggle and triumph. --Sara Nelson From Booklist \*Starred\* When Sotomayor joined the U.S. Supreme Court in 2009, she made history as the first Hispanic on the high court. She also achieved the highest dream of a Puerto Rican girl growing up in a Bronx housing project longing to someday become a judge. In this amazingly candid memoir, Sotomayor recalls a tumultuous childhood: alcoholic father, emotionally distant mother, aggravating little brother, and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins, all overseen by her loving, domineering paternal grandmother. When she was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at eight years of age, she knew she had to learn to give herself the insulin shots. That determination saw her through Catholic high school, Princeton, and Yale Law School, at each step struggling to reconcile the poverty of her childhood with the privileges she was beginning to enjoy. No rabble-rouser, she nonetheless was active in student groups supporting minorities. At Yale, she learned how to think about jurisprudence, but readers looking for clues to her judicial thinking will be disappointed as she deliberately demurs. She recounts

complicated feelings toward her parents and her failed marriage as she advanced to the DAs office, private practice, the district court, and, triumphantly, the Supreme Court. Sotomayor offers an intimate and honest look at her extraordinary life and the support and blessings that propelled her forward. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: A media blitz will attend the release of this already newsworthy memoir by the Supreme Courts first Hispanic justice. -- Vanessa Bush A compelling and powerfully written memoir about identity and coming of age. . . . If the outlines of Justice Sotomayors life are well known by now, her searching and emotionally intimate memoir, *My Beloved World*, nonetheless has the power to surprise and move the reader. . . . This account of her life is revealing, keenly observed and deeply felt. . . . This insightful memoir underscores just how well Justice Sotomayor mastered the art of narrative. Its an eloquent and affecting testament to the triumph of brains and hard work over circumstance, of a childhood dream realized through extraordinary will and dedication. Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times* The book delivers on its promise of intimacy in its depictions of Sotomayors family, the corner of Puerto Rican immigrant New York where she was raised and the link she feels to the island where she spent childhood summers. . . . This is a woman who knows where she comes from and has the force to bring you there. Sotomayor does this by being clear-eyed about the flaws of the adults who raised her she lets them be complicated. . . . Ive spent my whole life learning how to do things that were hard for me, Sotomayor tells an acquaintance when he asks whether becoming a judge will be difficult for her. Yes, she has. And by the time you close *My Beloved World*, you understand how she has mastered judging, too. Emily Bazelon, *The New York Times* Book With buoyant humor and thoughtful candor, she recounts her rise from a crime-infested neighborhood in the South Bronx to the nations highest court. I will be judged as a human being by what readers find here, Sotomayor writes. We, the jury in this case, find her irresistible. John Wilwol, *Washingtonian* Sotomayor turns out to be a writer of depth and literary flair. . . . *My Beloved World* is steeped in vivid memories of New York City, and it is an exceptionally frank account of the challenges that she faced during her ascent from a public housing project to the courts marble palace on First Street. Adam Liptak, *The New York Times* Youll see in Sotomayor a surprising wealth of candor, wit, and affection. No topic is off limits, not her diabetes, her fathers death, her divorce, or her cousins death from AIDS. Put the kettle on, reader, its time for some real talk with Titi Sonia. . . . The author shines in her passages on childhood, family, and self-discovery. Her magical portraits of loved ones bring to mind Sandra Cisneros *The House on Mango Street*; both authors bring a sense of childlike wonder and empathy to a world rarely seen in books, a Latin-American and woman-centric world. Grace Bello, *Christian Science Monitor* This is a page-turner, beautifully written and novelistic in its tale of family, love and triumph. It hums with hope and exhilaration. This is a story of human triumph. Nina Totenberg, NPR Big-hearted. . . . A powerful defense of empathy. . . . She has spent her life imagining her way into the hearts of everyone around her. . . . Anyone wondering how a child raised in public housing, without speaking English, by an alcoholic father and a largely absent mother could become the first Latina on the Supreme Court will find the answer in these pages. It didnt take just a village: It took a country. Dahlia Lithwick, *The Washington Post* *My Beloved World* is filled with inspiring, and surprisingly candid, stories about how the Supreme Courts first Hispanic justice overcame a troubled childhood to attend Princeton and Yale Law School, eventually earning a seat on the nations highest court. Carla Main, *Wall Street Journal* Remarkable. . . . A portrait of a genuinely interesting person. Michael Tomasky, *Daily Beast* In a refreshing conversational style, Sotomayor tells her fascinating life story with the hope of providing comfort, perhaps even inspiration to others, particularly children, who face hard times. People who live in difficult circumstances, Sotomayor writes in her preface, need to know that happy endings are possible. Jay Wexler, *Boston Globe* Classic Sotomayor: intelligent, gregarious and at times disarmingly personal. . . . A portrait of an underprivileged but brilliant young woman who makes her way into the American elite and does her best to reform it from the inside. . . . I certainly hope *My Beloved World* inspires readers to chase their dreams. Jason Farago, NPR Vital, loving, and incisive. . . . In this revealing memoir, Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor candidly and gracefully recounts her formative years. Her memoir shows both her continued self-reliance and her passion for community. *Library Journal* (Starred review) Justice Sotomayor recounts numerous obstacles and remarkable achievements in this personal and inspiring autobiography. . . . Readers across the board will be moved by this intimate look at the life of a justice. *Publishers Weekly* Amazingly candid . . . an intimate and honest look at her extraordinary life and the support and blessings that propelled her forward. *Booklist* (Starred review) Graceful, authoritative memoir. . . . Mature, life-affirming musings from a venerable life shaped by tenacity and pride. *Kirkus* s