

Taking Hold: From Migrant Childhood to Columbia University by Francisco Jimenez

Study Questions (03/06/2020)

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Rebellion from Within

1. Who is Mark Rudd and what did he do at Columbia University?
2. Where had the author experienced police brutality before he saw it on the campus of Columbia University?

So Far yet So Close

3. Why did Laura's maternal grandparents object to her visiting Francisco in New York City? Would they have objected if Laura had been a young man?
4. What special thing happened to the author's telephone calls to Laura?

"Today I Am Born"

5. How did Laura and Francisco keep in touch the summer before they were married?
6. Why does Francisco's father not come to the wedding? What advice does he have for Francisco?
7. Describe the author's wedding.

Making a Home

8. Why do the author and Laura stay in Greenwich Village when they arrive in New York City?
9. Why did rentals not work out for Laura and Francisco on Staten Island?
10. How and where did they finally find a place to rent?
11. How did they furnish and decorate their first rental apartment?

Life on Grymes Hill

12. Why did Francisco meet with Professor Iduarte? What did they discuss?
13. What job(s) did Francisco take on the first year on Grymes Hill?

One Step Closer

14. What did Francisco have to do in May to get his master's degree?

A Novice

15. Why did Francisco not teach Spanish to nurses the next year? Where did he teach?
16. Who was Professor Redondo de Feldman?
17. What special topics did Francisco include in his Spanish classes?

Within Reach

18. Who gave Francisco his doctoral oral exam and in what subjects did they question him?
19. What topic did Francisco want to cover in his dissertation? Was he allowed to?
20. Where and how did Laura and Francisco find copies of Victoriano Solado Alvarez novels, *Episodios nacionales mexicanos*?

A New Life

21. Why did Laura and Francisco feel they could have a child of their own?
22. What did Laura do during her pregnancy?

Crossing the Line

23. How did Francisco get to study Mexican American literature?
24. What advice did Professor Iduarte have for Francisco?
25. Where was Francisco Jimenez first published?

In Hand

26. What was Francisco's experience working on his dissertation?
27. Where did Francisco and Laura move to? What was it like?
28. What celebrations were there when Professor Jimenez successfully defended his dissertation?

A Wonder

29. What was Francisco's father's wisdom for him on the birth of his children?

Taking Hold

30. Where did Laura and Francisco want to go to raise a family? Where did they go?