

FINDING THE MUSIC/EN POS DE LA MÚSICA

LET'S DISCUSS!

- Music is important in Reyna's life and in the life of her community. What are some special events that *you* celebrate with music? What feelings does music bring to those occasions?
- Have you ever accidentally broken something really special? What happened and what did you do about it?
- Many of us have objects around the house that might not look very valuable or important, but that are precious because of the stories behind them. Think about a special object in your life (Maybe a trophy? A seashell from a trip to the beach? A collar that belonged to your first pet? A stuffed animal from when you were a baby?) What is it that makes that object so valuable to you? For a bonus challenge, try writing that object's *autobiography* - the story of its life from its own point of view.
- Before I became an author, I was a newspaper reporter, an experience that helped sharpen my observation skills. Now, I try to incorporate sensory details into my stories - details that describe what characters see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. Think back to the busy restaurant scene. What sensory details do you remember? Can you write a scene of your own that includes sensory details?
- Do you think this story has a happy ending? Why or why not? Did Reyna get what she wanted?



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