

# STEF SOTO, TACO QUEEN

## Prompts for writing and discussion

- What does food represent to Stef? To Papi? What about to you?
- How does Stef's relationship with her parents change over the course of the novel? What about her relationship to Tía Perla?
- If Tía Perla was a person, what would she be like?
- How did you feel about the mix of Spanish and English in the book? (*Note: My editor and I made a deliberate decision not to italicize the Spanish words because both English and Spanish are "normal" for Stef.*)
- What secondary character could you most relate to and why? Which one do you think you'd be most likely to be friends with?
- Would you describe Julia as a villain? Why or why not? How would the story be different if it was told from her point of view?
- Stef's favorite comfort food is a warm tortilla with melted butter. What's yours? How does it make you feel?
- Art helps Stef clear her mind and understand her feelings. Soccer does that for Amanda and music for Arthur. What activities do you turn to when you need to de-stress or express yourself?
- I'm inspired by immigrant entrepreneurship-the small businesses that immigrant families open to support themselves and chase their dreams. Think about your own community. What shops, restaurants, or events demonstrate its diversity?



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