

BODEGA DREAMS A NOVEL 1ST EDITION Free



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He gives everyone a leg up, in exchange only for loyalty--and a steady income from the drugs he pushes. A New Language Being Born. Bodega Dreams Ernesto B. Bodega Dreams Vintage Contemporaries Vintage contemporaries original. Kurt Vonnegut. The New Me. Halle Butler. Less Than Zero. Bret Easton Ellis. The World According to Garp. John Williams. Look at Me. Jennifer Egan. Rubyfruit Jungle. Rita Mae Brown. The Sportswriter. High Fidelity TV Tie-in. Olga Tokarczuk. Light Years. James Salter. Dear Committee Members. Julie Schumacher. Graham Swift. Last Orders. The Last Thing He Wanted. Geek Love. Katherine Dunn. A Ladder to the Sky. The Book of Daniel. James Baldwin. American Pastoral. Related Articles. Looking for More Great Reads? Download Hi Res. LitFlash The eBooks you want at the lowest prices. Read it Forward Read it first.

Pass it on! Stay in Touch Sign up. View 1 comment. Hello, everyone. I am tired and cranky and sick and stressed out today, so I'll keep this review rather brief. Although I feel bad because I haven't written a good review in a while. I'm not even in the top reviewers this week. So ... I was assigned to read *Bodega Dreams* for my Writing the Urban Experience class, which is this cool class where we read and write about ... urban things. So yeah, it's exactly what the title of the course says. Only it's mu Hello, everyone. Only it's much more interesting than it sounds. But anyway! Point is, I probably wouldn't have picked up this book on my own. But even so, it was a fairly enjoyable read. To put it simply, this book is *The Great Gatsby* set in Spanish Harlem, and dealing with drugs rather than bootlegging.

Bodega is pretty much a clone of *Gatsby*. He builds up a fortune on rather sketchy terms, just to win the affection of a woman he's been in love with for years, even though she is already married to another man. So yeah, sounds rather familiar, eh? Throughout the book, I had trouble putting *Gatsby* out of my mind and not comparing him and Bodega. I mean, it was just impossible. And if you read through the other reviews on here, looks like just about everyone can't help but bring up *Gatsby*. I mean, the idea of modernizing *The Great Gatsby* isn't a terrible premise. So, it felt a bit like cheating. But, oh well. The lack of originality aside, it was a pretty good read. It was well-written and dealt with some interesting characters. I have to say my favorite part was the dialogue. It was excellently done. In fact, the whole time I was reading this, I was thinking it might make a better movie than a book.

Because really, the conversations between the characters were definitely the most interesting part of the whole thing. Beyond that, I really don't have anything else to say. It's not the best or most unique book I've ever read, but the writing—particularly the dialogue—was good, and I liked it over all. Feb 03, *Writer's Relief* rated it it was amazing. Anything the community needs, Willie Bodega provides; but at what cost? Bodega intends to convince—or even hypnotize—his community into believing that his way is best.

But he needs Chino to help him. *Bodega Dreams* is a wonderful novel that will force the reader to explore the line between pride and humility. Sep 26, *Demi* rated it liked it *Shelves: book-club-books*. May 07, *Sidik Fofana* rated it it was amazing. Feb 25, *B* rated it it was amazing. This book I've discussed this book with classmates and professor so it would feel repetitive to me to review it and I feel like I wouldn't do a very good job anyway. I could see the complexity of society and human beings and reminded This book I could see the complexity of society and human beings and reminded me of how gray the world is. And reading an Own Voices book on the Latinx community as a Latinx person myself made me feel all these emotions.

It touched on internal racism, system racism and oppression, and so many important things I Idk if I'm making any sense and I don't know everything that can be done with this book I just see what I took from it and the discussions I had in class. I know this sucked I'm sorry. TL;DR It was great. Mar 30, *Alex Robertson* rated it liked it. I read this in one day. Very cool.

Of me, not the book. Nov 29, *Nicolas Hammer* rated it really liked it. I really enjoyed reading this novel. It flowed very smoothly and quickly and was hard to put down. The vernacular used is a mix of Spanish and English and is very fun to read. Having toured Manhattan only a handful of times, the characters and setting are somewhat realistic and paint a really good picture of the environment where the plot unfolds. Being in some ways a Puerto Rican version of "*The Great Gatsby*", the book provides tremendous social commentary on the assimilation and hardships that I really enjoyed reading this novel.

Being in some ways a Puerto Rican version of "*The Great Gatsby*", the book provides tremendous social commentary on the assimilation and hardships that Puerto Rican migrants have faced coming into the U. It also provides commentary on the ways Puerto Rican Spanish has transformed on Manhattan, creating a new culture. The only thing that held this book back from 5 stars was that the plot seemed a little bit too unrealistic by the end of the novel.

I liked the nitty, gritty realism that the book portrays, as it helps ground it to reality, but some of that goes away by the end. Apr 14, *William Burluson* rated it liked it. I wish I liked *Bodega Dreams* more. I'm always hungry for stories that give me a view of a community or part of the world I'm not part of. In this case, Spanish Harlem, and the I certainly got a tour from the protagonist, Chino. That was the good part. All good news if you are into that genre and I am not, but at times the Dashiell Hammett-like dialog and by-the-numbers crime story plot po I wish I liked *Bodega Dreams* more. All good news if you are into that genre and I am not, but at times the Dashiell Hammett-like dialog and by-the-numbers crime story plot points made me roll my eyes.

It feels clearly meant to be a series. I'm being too harsh, perhaps. Good for the author for getting his story out there, and good for people who enjoy the comfort of a familiar tale, but I was left wishing for more. Feb 14, *Yordanos* rated it liked it. Feb 11, *Grace Campbell* rated it liked it. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and checks. Foreign and special orders will be billed at cost. Books may be returned within ten days. Harry Nudel NY NY Shipping costs are based on books weighing 2. If your book order is heavy or oversized, we may contact you to let you know extra shipping is required.

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