

Francisco Castillo's MIJO: We Bend, Not Break Brings Generational Healing to the Page

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Books & Culture In MIJO: We Bend, Not Break, author Francisco Castillo delivers a powerful and deeply compassionate portrait of three generations of Mexican American men tethered by silence, distance, and the unspoken ache of survival. What begins as a story of inheritance—of land, labor, and loss—emerges as something far more profound: a meditation on how families pass down pain as quietly as they pass down love. The novel moves between the parched soil of Michoacán and the immigrant fields of California, tracing fathers and sons who confuse endurance with strength. Castillo, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Navy veteran, brings rare authenticity to his fiction; his insight into the emotional architecture of men, particularly those raised in cultures of sacrifice and restraint, feels lived-in and unflinchingly true. When tragedy strikes, the family is forced to confront a question that echoes through generations: How do we break the cycle before it breaks us? It's here that Castillo's storytelling transcends sociology or sentimentality—his prose is both lyrical and grounded, finding poetry in wounds and grace in small reconciliations. Stylistically, MIJO evokes the emotional resonance of Sandra Cisneros and the lyrical grit of Luis Alberto Urrea, but Castillo's voice stands firmly on its own. His writing honors the rhythm of working hands and the silences between fathers and sons who love but cannot say so. This is a book about trauma, yes—but also about tenderness, and the quiet resilience that defines families who learn to bend rather than break. Ultimately, MIJO: We Bend, Not Break isn't just a novel—it's an act of repair. A reminder that even the hardest soil can still bloom, if someone is brave enough to dig.

Book Details Title: MIJO: We Bend, Not Break

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