



A Good Long Way

By Rene Saldana

Pinata Books, United States, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The two of you, stop it! You re father and son; you should love each other, Roel howls at his father and brother as their argument turns into a shoving match. Beto is home past curfew, smelling like a cantina. When Beto Sr. tells his son to follow the rules or leave, the boy, a senior in high school, decides to leave. But, once he has walked away he has nowhere to go so turns to his best friend Jessy. Beto s decision to leave is told from shifting perspectives in which the lives of Roel, Beto, and Jessy are revealed in scenes that reflect teen-age life. Each one has a long way to go in growing up. Roel is book smart and fights teachers assumptions that he s like Beto. Jessy is smart too, but most teachers only see her tough-girl act. And Beto somehow quit caring about school. And his teachers have given up too. Rene Saldana, Jr. writes another fast-paced, novel that will engage teens in questions about their own lives and responsibilities to family, friends and themselves.



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