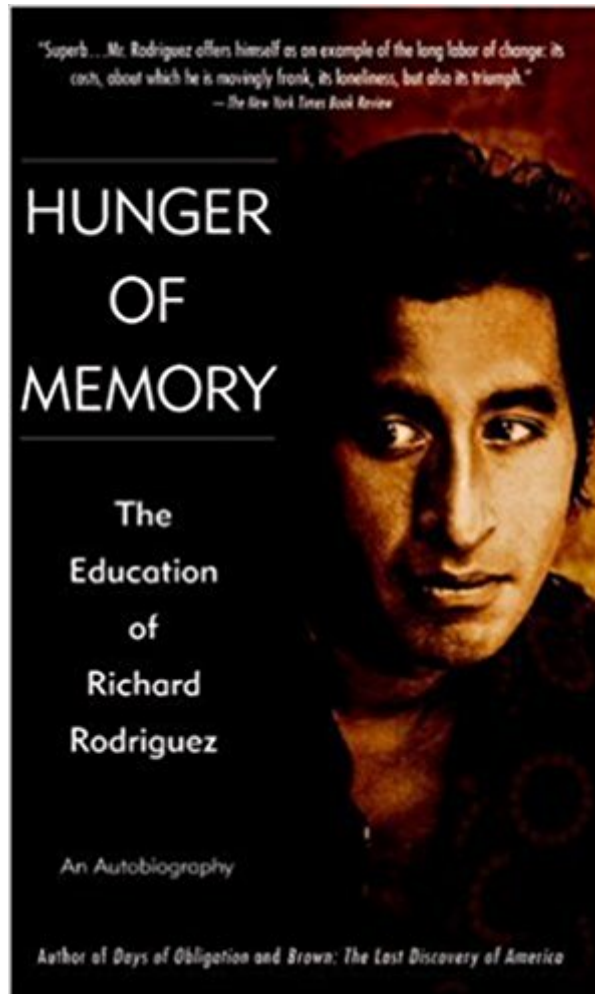




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# Hunger Of Memory : The Education Of Richard Rodriguez



## Synopsis

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Poetic and sophisticated. Rodriguez's education changes him to a point of alienation, not only from his family, but from his peers as well. He burns through books at the library searching for other experiences to relate to his inner feelings.

one of my favorite authors. wonderful read.

most excellent!

My older brother, a recent graduate from George Washington Law School, recommended me this book. Richard's autobiography had me captivated from the first word to the last. I don't know if it was the similarities between my own life with his, or because he spoke the very truth of affirmative action. Either way, this is a must read for all Mexican-Americans who want something to relate to, or for someone who wants to garner more knowledge of a middle-class Chicano living in this great country!

Great book, I am Mexican American and had to read this in college for an English class. Rodriguez is a very opinionated person and there may be things you don't agree with him, but over time throughout my college life I began to see his points, which I will spare the details. I recommend you read it because it gives a view on language barriers between Mexican Americans and white Americans here in the U.S as well as other topics that you may come across in classes in college

and its a great reference to go back to.

Though this book was written around the time I was born, many of the revelations are still quite profound. As a teacher who works with second language learners, it is enlightening to hear a personal account of one individual's struggle with language acquisition. Without doubt, his meditations on what is gained and lost by learning to live in a foreign language is important to consider.

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