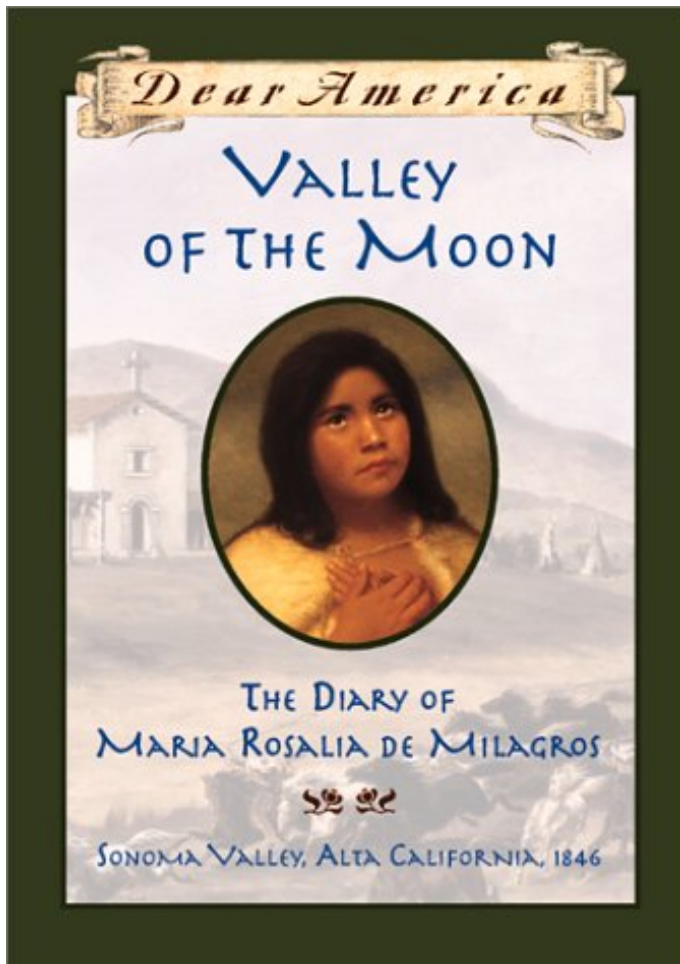


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**Sherry Garland**

**Valley of the Moon: The Diary of María Rosalia de Milagros  
(Dear America)**



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## Description

María Rosalia is a Mestizo servant in a Spanish home. Orphaned years ago, she and her brother Domingo work on a ranch run by the stern Señor Medina. María's writing captures the intense tradition and culture of the Spanish as she observes the war that Alta California ultimately loses to the Americans.

## Insightful reviews

Perro: It's about a Spanish/Indian girl who wants to find her roots. Her mother dies when she is young. She works as a servant in.....someone's house (I mustn't say!) The question is: who is her father. Family can be closer than you think. (Wink, wink, wink, blink (Ahw man. Ruined the effect....))

Kelsey Hanson: Another really interesting book. My mom was a Spanish teacher so I've always found Mexican culture very interesting especially their many traditions and holidays including La Posada and El Dia de los Muertos. This book also had a pretty good mystery to it and a surprisingly uplifting ending that I didn't see coming. The characters were well rounded and the culture was captivating. Overall, I really enjoyed it.

AlixJamie: This book is rather dull and very annoying. That is, Maria is very annoying. Whenever anything bad happens to her it is never her fault. She is always the victim of persecution. She disgusted me. I think Walter would have been much better off marrying her mistress than this basket case.

Celine: this can be a very fascinating book! the finishing takes you off by means of a massive surprise!

Ana Mardoll: Valley of the Moon (California) / 0-439-08820-8 Maria Rosalia is an orphan, half-Mexican and half-Indian, whose American Indian mom died of smallpox years in the past while Maria was once just a small child. hired as a servant within the family of the wealthy Medina family, she longs to grasp the place she got here from and what her background is. This interesting doorway into California within the 1840's realistically portrays the tensions among the californios (the Spanish Californians) and the americanos (immigrants from the United States) because the settlers to the California territory fight opposed to one another with a view to ensure who shall rule California. these stuck in among this fight - the yank Indians and the fairly powerless ladies and kids within the sector - needs to easily watch and pray that their lives will not be too uprooted by way of the violent surroundings speedily developing. Maria's life, as she watches those occasions carefully, revolves round the day-by-day calls for of the Medina daughters. As she interacts with either Spanish gentry and American Indian servants, Maria seeks to discover her precise id via her combined heritage. "Valley of the Moon" is a compelling read, with superb consciousness to historic element and lovely cultural touches. For parents, there's a few quantity of violence (a bull fight), a few mortal threat (a ailing baby who every body fears could die, and a miscarried pregnancy), and a few references to intercourse and sexuality (the eldest Medina daughter is being courted for her "hips and thighs" that are greatly appeared

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within the sector as being strong for childbearing). However, those themes are dealt with with grace, as is common for the precious the US books.~ Ana Mardoll

Hailey Dubach: Amazing...I suggest this book.

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