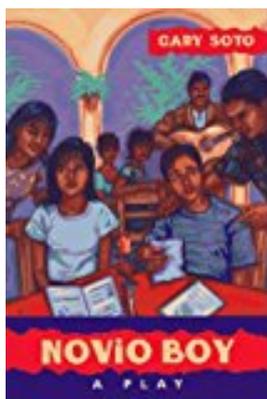


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**Description:**

What a treat: an honest-to-goodness play! Budding actors and drama coaches will enjoy this lighthearted story about the awkwardness and excitement of young love in a Mexican American community. Perhaps the word "enjoy" is an understatement ... I do believe that young actors will have a hard time *not* laughing along with the audience once the curtain goes up. Gary Soto, author and poet extraordinaire, breaks a leg with this fast-paced, delightful look at dating from both the male and female perspectives. The transcendent theme and its helpful glossary of Spanish words and phrases will give this play broad appeal. Bravo!

**From School Library Journal** Grade 8-11?A hip, funny play. When Patricia, a high school junior, agrees to go to lunch with ninth-grader Rudy, the apprehensive boy seeks dating advice from his friend Alex, who says, "Just level with her. Tell her you're sorry you look like you do." Even less useful advice comes from Rudy's Uncle Juan: "Worry about what you have to say, little Romeo....The first time I went with a girl, man, I freaked her out. I told her that I thought I had been captured by a UFO." Now even more nervous, Rudy asks his mother for money, only to hear, "You think money grows on trees?" Unfortunately for Rudy, his luck does not improve by the final scene in which Alex, Uncle Juan, and Rudy's mother all appear at the restaurant to witness the date. Soto again proves he knows what makes young adults laugh, like throwing up huevos con weenies (scrambled eggs with hot dogs) and hearing about G.I. Joe beating up Ken. Since the Mexican-American cast spouts frequent Spanish words, several lines of dialogue could be lost on an audience unfamiliar with the language. The visual clues of a live performance might serve to clarify some unfamiliar words. With performance notes, a descriptive character list, and extensive scene notes, young actors should be able to perform this entertaining play with or without adult assistance.?Denise E. Agosto, Midland County Public Library, TX  
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