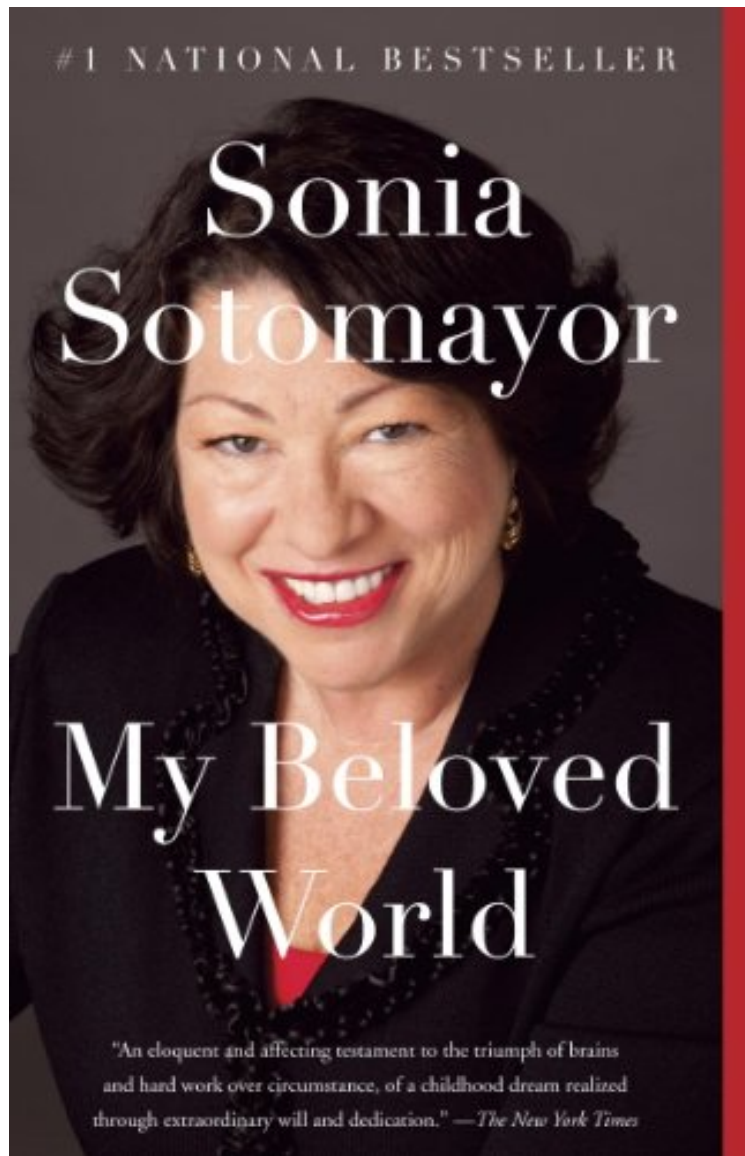


## My Beloved World

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**Von Sonia Sotomayor : My Beloved World** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Beloved World:

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everybody that she has got it in her Von Peter Berlin My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor can be read on quite a few levels: One is how a member of a minority, actually a number of minority groups, can succeed in spite of all the odds against her. She was an energetic child who was encouraged and supported by both her parents, though in very different ways, also by her extended family with many cousins and aunts on her side. She grew up in a Puerto-Rican family in a district with many African-Americans and Hispanics. Her grandmother was the person every child needs, that special someone who provides her with unconditional love, respect and confidence. Educated in Catholic schools she learned early on to be very disciplined. Discipline she needs a lot of, especially after being diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, an everyday challenge that required discipline and courage of her. Her father died of alcoholism when she was only nine, another blow to any child, disruptive to any childhood, but Sonia kept on going the right way. She was encouraged to go to university and succeeded beyond anyone's wildest dreams. Supported by affirmative action Sotomayor did an outstanding job. Her first marriage ends after some time, and maybe most men today still find it hard to cope with a strong, independent woman. So she seems to define herself in many ways by her performance and the many friends who surround and support her. She points out quite clearly she needed the help of others to succeed. She wants to encourage any minority member not believe in labels stuck onto them but just be themselves - sounds really like a cliché but some things can be expressed in a very easy way. It is just hard to do them. Very recommendable reading for anyone.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Memoir of Shaping a Life of Service Von Donald Mitchell "Furthermore, whom should I serve?" -- 2 Samuel 16:19 (NKJV) Most people have few problems deciding whom they should serve. It's "me," "me," "me," "me." For Supreme Court justice Sonia Sotomayor, the answer was always "others," "others," "others," and "others." While some arrive at the same answer as Ms. Sotomayor, many of them reach that point through guilt, feelings of inadequacy, and felt pressure from others. From reading this book carefully, I got the sense that Ms. Sotomayor operates more in this way: "If I can help, I will." It's a calling with her. I don't often have the pleasure to read about the life of such a person. I felt blessed by this opportunity. Many readers will enjoy (as I did) gaining a better sense of what it's like to grow up with Type 1 diabetes, be of Puerto Rican ancestry, and to face challenges for which one has little preparation to make things easier. I was intrigued by her descriptions of learning to be an effective prosecutor. Most memoirs skip over the details of such trials by fire. Be aware that this is not an autobiography. It isn't rigorously capturing a life, but rather giving her thoughts about her experiences ... through the time when she was first appointed to be a Federal district judge. I don't know another person who has worn the black robes who has been so candid and open about a personal life before sitting behind the bench. I admire her for doing so. If you read only one memoir this year, I commend this one to you as an excellent choice.

**Kurzbeschreibung** The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself. Here is the story of a precarious childhood, with an alcoholic father (who would die when she was nine) and a devoted but overburdened mother, and of the refuge a little girl took from the turmoil at home with her passionately spirited paternal grandmother. But it was when she was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes that the precocious Sonia recognized she must ultimately depend on herself. She would learn to give herself the insulin shots she needed to survive and soon imagined a path to a different life. With only television characters for her professional role models, and little understanding of what was involved, she determined to become a lawyer, a dream that would sustain her on an unlikely course, from valedictorian of her high school class to the highest honors at Princeton, Yale Law School, the New York County District Attorneys office, private practice, and appointment to the Federal District Court before the age of forty. Along the way we see how she was shaped by her invaluable mentors, a failed marriage, and the modern version of extended family she has created from cherished friends and their children. Through her still-astonished eyes, America's infinite possibilities are envisioned anew in this warm and honest book, destined to become a classic of self-invention and self-discovery.

**Pressestimmen** A compelling and powerfully written memoir about identity and coming of age. If the outlines of Justice Sotomayor's life are well known by now, her searching and emotionally intimate memoir, *My Beloved World*, nonetheless has the power to surprise and move the reader. This account of her life is revealing, keenly observed and deeply felt. This insightful memoir underscores just how well Justice Sotomayor mastered the art of narrative. Its an eloquent and affecting testament to the triumph of brains and hard work over circumstance, of a childhood dream realized through extraordinary will and dedication.

Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times* "The book delivers on its promise of intimacy in its depictions of Sotomayor's family, the corner of Puerto Rican immigrant New York where she was raised and the link she feels to the island where she spent childhood summers. This is a woman who knows where she comes from and has the force to bring you there. Sotomayor does this by being clear-eyed about the flaws of the adults who raised her. She lets them be complicated. I've spent my whole life learning how to do things that were

hard for me,' Sotomayor tells an acquaintance when he asks whether becoming a judge will be difficult for her. Yes, she has. And by the time you close *My Beloved World*, you understand how she has mastered judging, too."Emily Bazelon, *The New York Times Book* "With buoyant humor and thoughtful candor, she recounts her rise from a crime-infested neighborhood in the South Bronx to the nation's highest court. 'I will be judged as a human being by what readers find here,' Sotomayor writes. We, the jury in this case, find her irresistible."John Wilwol, *Washingtonian*"Sotomayor turns out to be a writer of depth and literary flair*My Beloved World* is steeped in vivid memories of New York City, and it is an exceptionally frank account of the challenges that she faced during her ascent from a public housing project to the court's marble palace on First Street."Adam Liptak, *The New York Times*"You'll see in Sotomayor a surprising wealth of candor, wit, and affection. No topic is off limits, not her diabetes, her father's death, her divorce, or her cousin's death from AIDS. Put the kettle on, reader, it's time for some real talk with Titi SoniaThe author shines in her passages on childhood, family, and self-discovery. Her magical portraits of loved ones bring to mind Sandra Cisneros's *The House on Mango Street*; both authors bring a sense of childlike wonder and empathy to a world rarely seen in books, a Latin-American and woman-centric world."Grace Bello, *Christian Science Monitor*This is a page-turner, beautifully written and novelistic in its tale of family, love and triumph. It hums with hope and exhilaration. This is a story of human triumph.Nina Totenberg, NPR"Big-heartedA powerful defense of empathyShe has spent her life imagining her way into the hearts of everyone around herAnyone wondering how a child raised in public housing, without speaking English, by an alcoholic father and a largely absent mother could become the first Latina on the Supreme Court will find the answer in these pages. It didn't take just a village: It took a country."Dahlia Lithwick, *The Washington Post**My Beloved World* is filled with inspiring, and surprisingly candid, stories about how the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice overcame a troubled childhood to attend Princeton and Yale Law School, eventually earning a seat on the nation's highest court.Carla Main, *Wall Street Journal*"RemarkableA portrait of a genuinely interesting person."Michael Tomasky, *Daily Beast*"In a refreshing conversational style,Sotomayor tells her fascinating life story with the hope of providing comfort, perhaps even inspiration to others, particularly children, who face hard times. People who live in difficult circumstances, Sotomayor writes in her preface, need to know that happy endings are possible."Jay Wexler, *Boston Globe*"Classic Sotomayor: intelligent, gregarious and at times disarmingly personalA portrait of an underprivileged but brilliant young woman who makes her way into the American elite and does her best to reform it from the insideI certainly hope *My Beloved World* inspires readers to chase their dreams."Jason Farago, NPRVital, loving, and incisiveIn this revealing memoir, Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor candidly and gracefully recounts her formative years. Her memoir shows both her continued self-reliance and her passion for community. *Library Journal* (Starred review)Justice Sotomayor recounts numerous obstacles and remarkable achievements in this personal and inspiring autobiographyReaders across the board will be moved by this intimate look at the life of a justice. *Publishers Weekly* Amazingly candid an intimate and honest look at her extraordinary life and the support and blessings that propelled her forward.*Booklist* (Starred review)Graceful, authoritative memoirMature, life-affirming musings from a venerable life shaped by tenacity and pride.Kirkus sKurzbeschreibungThe first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. 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