

Patricia Santana
YOLI'S FAVORITE THINGS

Narrated by Kyla Garcia

"Do you know when the war will be over?"

"You're asking because you have older brothers, don't you?"

Twelve-year-old Yolanda Sahagún, an aspiring nun raised by strict Mexican immigrant parents, likes to envision her family of nine siblings as the von Trapps from her favorite movie, *The Sound of Music*. But a larger-than-life family isn't the only thing Yoli has in common with her fictional friends—she, too, is coming of age as war looms large.

In Yoli's household, rules define everything—especially those about what the Sahagún daughters are old enough to do, like no talking to boys on the phone. But there are no rules on the battlefield, and Yoli is grown enough to understand that her draft-eligible big brother (her favorite brother!) could be killed in the war.

Determined to protect him, Yoli makes a pact with God. But what happens if God doesn't keep his end of the bargain?

Set against a rich historical backdrop of the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement, Patricia Santana's heartfelt middle grade novel balances weighty themes with warm family dynamics and a captivating voice that's sure to be a favorite with fans of character-driven historical fiction, as well as contemporary readers who can relate to the challenges of just living their lives when it feels like the world is on fire.

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