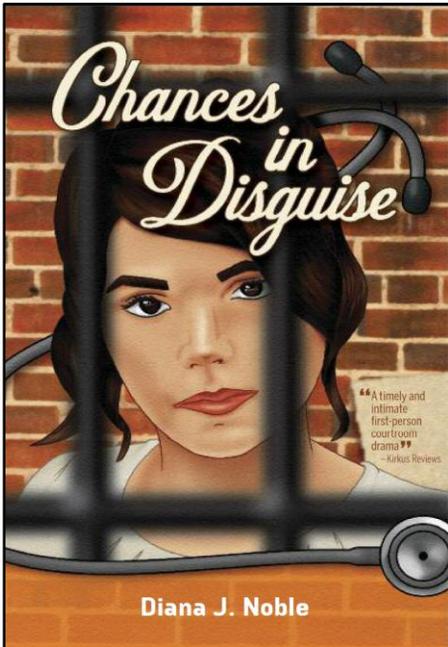


# CHANCES IN DISGUISE

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Young Adult Historical Fiction  
ISBN: 978-1-55885-930-2  
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Pages: 192  
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Ages: 12-18

The *Chances in Disguise* Student Learning Guide was created to help students:

- learn about an often forgotten period in US history in which widespread, state sanctioned anti-Mexican violence took place in the Texas-Mexico border region.
- think critically about complex issues (not tell them how or what to think).
- determine if and how the book's plot, characters and events apply to them.
- build life skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, curiosity, reflection, creativity and reflection.

*"Though fictionalized, the novel is grounded in true historical events which saw Mexican refugees and American-born Tejanos facing sham trials, vigilantes, and violent policing without due process. This novel presents a story that is as relevant to and important for contemporary readers as it was in the early 20th century."*

**-Kirkus Reviews**

The **Student Learning Guide** is broken into three sections and includes individual and interactive learning activities.

1. BEFORE READING
2. WHILE READING
3. AFTER READING

— Carefully read through the guide before giving it to students.

— Determine which activities to assign depending on classroom learning objectives and the amount of available dedicated time.

— Note: Page three contains a link to the Refusing to Forget [website](#) about a factual and detailed description of a violent time in US history, called *La Matanza*, or The Killing Time. Read the historical description on the site ahead of time to help students contextualize the information and explore their thoughts and feelings. Note: **Chances in Disguise** contains two scenes that include a sexual assault. While not explicit in their descriptions, teachers should be prepared for potential questions and/or discussion.

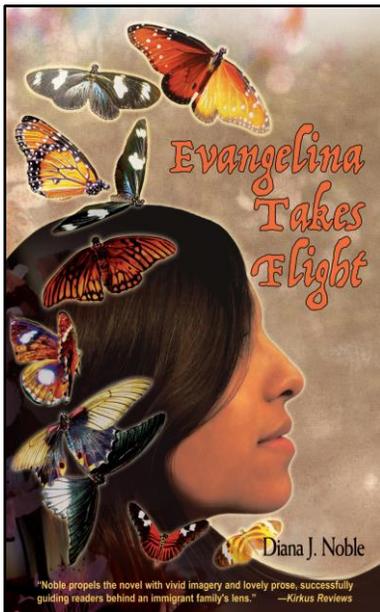
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***Evangelina Takes Flight***, the prequel to ***Chances in Disguise***, won numerous awards and honors:

- Junior Library Guild Selection
- Spirit of Texas Reading Program Selection
- Texas Institute of Letters, Best Young Adult Fiction 2018 (runner-up)
- June Franklin Naylor Award for Best Children's Book 2018
- National Association for Chicano & Chicana Studies, Tejas Foco Award for Best Young Adult Fiction 2018
- Southwest Young Adult Book of the Year
- Skipping Stones Multicultural Book Award 2018

*"Loosely based on Noble's own grandmother's story, this debut hits awfully close to home in the current anti-immigrant political climate."- Kirkus Reviews*

*"As much as this vital work takes on social issues, it's Evangelina's coming of age that resounds. Her abuelito's maxim, 'Challenges are chances in disguise,' grows into a gorgeously woven message of hope."- Foreword Reviews*