"A home in the heart" (page 64)"Sad like a house on fire" (page 87)



Esperanza is a young naive girl at the beginning of the book. Throughout the book she learns about women rights, growing up, family, self acceptance, and life as a whole. She struggles with family challenges and learns to face them. She also struggles with being as women and the challenges of puberty. Overall, Mango Street changes Esperanza for the better, even though she did





"What matters...is for the boys to see us and us to see them" (page 27)



"Those two green apples you call eyes" (page 27)

"You are Mango Street" (page 107) "We must be Christmas" (page 40)