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Nine-year-old Josefina wants to give up learning to play the piano until she sees how much joy her music gives to her baby nephew. Discusses the importance of music on the New Mexican frontier and describes how to dance La Vaquerita.

Again, Josefina! Details

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Sarah Crawford says

In this story Josefina is taking piano lessons but loses faith in her ability to play and is tempted to give up taking the lessons. She ends up playing and taking care of a toddler who absolutely loves her playing, dancing around and enjoying himself, constantly falling down but getting right back up again.

Josefina realizes that, like the toddler, she is still just learning and if she enjoys what she is doing she will end up managing to play the piano all right after all.

Again, a cultural/historical section is included to help flesh out the story.

Hannah Guerra says

This historical fiction book would be great for girls in 2nd-4th grades. It follows Josefina, a young Mexican girl as she tries to learn piano. She struggles at first and wants to give up, but her father encourages her to keep trying. She begins practicing while babysitting her little nephew and he loves her playing! He bounces and giggles with the music. Seeing this, Josefina decides to keep learning to play. This book has themes of determination and never giving up.

Andd Becker says

Third grade girls will enjoy reading this book featuring vignettes by Susan McAliley and illustrations by Jean-Paul Tibbles.

Miri says

When Tia Dolores came to the rancho she brought her beautiful piano and Josefina desperately wants to learn to play, when her father approves of Tia Dolores giving her lessons, he's firm that she not slack on her other chores, but Josefina is finding it hard to find time to practice at all and her fingers stumble across the keys in an ugly way, Josefina wants to give up altogether until her little Nephew shows her the encouragement she needs to keep trying.

Adriana says

This book was a nice read. To be honest, this is not the book I would normally pick up. For starters, I am not too fond of short stories. My daughter is homeschooled and there is a group of homeschoolers who have

come together to read the collection of American Girl books, as a fun way to learn about women's history. We meet a few times a month to discuss these sweet books. We also are to prepare a meal from that historical period. I am grateful for the opportunity to meet up and soak up some fun and knowledge together.

Now onto my book review...

There is a collection of Josefina books. All short stories. this one is particular was regarding Josefina's love of music. And of her great desire to learn to play the piano. I don't want to give much away, so let's just say she struggles, but in the end learns that perfection is not expected of her. She comes to the realization that her passion for music and her sincere effort to learn how to play, are enough. There is a heart warming part in the end of the book, which has you understand why the book is titled, "Again Josefina.". I do recommend this book. however, I felt my daughter was too advanced for it.

Kaetlyn says

Josefina wants to take piano lessons with her aunt. It starts to get boring. She just wants to make music. When it was time to watch Ana's youngest boy she wanted to play the piano he let her and he liked it. She was happy that he liked the music.

Meghan says

The section at the end is outdated where it recommends to check out certain cassette tapes from the library. It would have been better to say something less specific to account for technology changing over time.

Katie says

I really like these short shorties by American girl. They are nice to read when you are on a trip and don't want to bring a huge book along. I liked the plot of this story too!

Emily says

I thought this was a great little book for children about being the best you can be at anything you do. I wish I had josefinas determination when I was her age.

Kelly says

Was very simple. Not a fan.
