

## Anthony Reynoso: Born to Rope

My name is Anthony Reynoso. "I'm named after my father and my grandfather. We all rope and ride Mexican Rodeo style on my grandfather's ranch.	9 19 25
As soon as I could stand, my dad gave me a rope. I had my own little hat and everything else I needed to dress as a charro. That's what a Mexican cowboy is called. It's a good thing I started when I was little, because it takes years to learn to rope.	39 52 63 75 78
I've got lots of cousins. Whenever there's a birthday we have a piñata. We smash it with a stick until all the candy falls out. Then we scramble to grab as much as we can hold.	87 101 114
Best of all, at the ranch we get to practice roping on horseback. My dad's always trying something new... and so am I.	126 135 137
In Mexico, the Rodeo is the national sport. The most famous charros there are like sports stars here.	147 155
On weekdays, Dad runs his landscape business. Mom works in a public school, and I go to school. I wait for the bus with other kids at the corner of my block.	163 178 187
I always come to school with my homework done. When I'm in class, I forget about roping and riding. I don't think anyone in school knows about it except my best friends.	197 209 219