

"Mother Tongue"

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IN THE TEXT:

MY REACTION:

"Then she began to talk more loudly "What he want, I come to New York tell him front of his boss, you cheating me?" And I was trying to calm her down make her be quiet while telling the stock broker, "I can't tolerate any more excuses..."

"And when the doctor finally called her daughter, me, who spoke in perfect English -- lo and behold -- we had assurances the CAT scan would be found."

"I do think that the language spoken in the family, especially in immigrant families which are more insular, plays a large role in shaping the language of a child."

This quote significantly demonstrates the adversities immigrant families face. It reminded me of my personal experiences with my mom. I have to make phone calls sometimes as well but my mom speaks to me in Spanish and I translate to English.

This quote illustrates how individuals that aren't fluent in English are seen as inferior. It frustrates me that they aren't taken seriously and viewed as dumb. I've personally experienced situations such as this one and it's definitely despairing.

I agree with this statement. The English spoken at home definitely impacts the way you speak daily. How you speak at home becomes your normal way of talking, which influences your speech.

IN THE TEXT

Apart from what any critic had to say about my writing, I knew I had succeeded where it counted when my mother finished reading my book and gave her verdict: "So easy to read."

MY REACTION

→ This was a great ending! It truly encourages you to write regardless of what others think. Stepping out of your comfort zone and creating a piece of writing that is personally valuable to you speaks more than what any critic has to say.