ONE NIGHT SOPHIE and her parents are called to a hospital where Pedro, 6-year-old Mexican boy, is recovering from dehydration. Crossing the border into Arizona with a group of Mexicans and a coyote, or guide, Pedro and his parents faced such harsh conditions that the boy is the only survivor. Pedro comes to live with Sophie, her parents, and Sophies Aunt Dika, a refugee of the war in Bosnia. Sophie loves Pedro - her Principito, or Little Prince. But after a year, Pedros surviving family in Mexico makes contact, and Sophie, Dika, Dikas new boyfriend, and his son must travel with Pedro to his hometown so that he can make a heartwrenching decision.

My Personal Review:
Sixteen-year-old Sophie becomes attached to a child found wandering alone in the desert. The boy, Pablo, has come north from Mexico, crossing the border illegally with his parents who end up dying of dehydration. Pablo stays with Sophie's family and becomes part of her heart, but she knows she should allow him the choice to return to his relatives. She agrees to travel deep into Latin America to reunite Pablo with his aunts, uncles and grandmother. But the trip is far from simple. Sophie is phobic about germs, and she's afraid to take chances. Not only that, but she will be traveling with a young man, Angel, someone she finds both attractive and mystifying.

During Sophie's journey, she overcomes not only her germ phobia but much more. She discovers courage she didn't know she had, love she never imagined, and profound friendships with people who transcend cultural differences.