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This book is dedicated to Mateo, the newest  
rookie detective in the Vicente Squad.



## FROM THE DESK OF DETECTIVE FLACA

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Dear Junior Detective,

If you are reading this letter, it is because you are interested in reviewing some of my most top secret case files. Normally, I don't allow civilians to read my confidential materials. But, since you are clearly trying to learn how to be a professional, flawless, observant detective, it only makes sense that you learn from the best ... ME.

All of the cases you are about to read are as real as I remember them and so are all of my successes. But please keep in mind that some of the names and dates may have been changed for privacy reasons. We detectives have to be very careful as to the kind of information we release to the public, and even though I trust you, I can't trust you THAT much yet. So, I'm sure you'll understand when I ask that you please sign the confidentiality agreement attached. It's not a big deal or anything. I just have to make sure you're not a criminal or spy. You're not, right? Good. So, just sign the agreement and keep it handy in case we ever have to have a little chat.

Carefully yours,

Detective Flaca

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear not to reveal any of Detective Flaca's extra awesome detective methods to any villains, evil masterminds or criminals in training. I promise to use Detective Flaca's totally confidential information solely for learning and creative purposes and will not criticize any of the characters (except maybe La Bruja). Lastly, I promise to read the whole book and look up any words I don't understand in the dictionary so that one day I can be an even smarter and better detective than Detective Flaca, if that's even humanly possible.

Signed,

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