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Masi's family bakery, "like most of Pig Park, sprouted in the boom and shadow of the American Lard Company," but the Chicago neighborhood has fallen on hard times since the company's departure. A local businessman decides that they can turn the place around by building a massive pyramid, *La Gran Pirámide*, that will become a tourist draw and revitalize local businesses. Fifteen-year-old Masi throws herself into the project, thrilling at the chance to have an unusual summer experience with her friends—and with handsome young Felix, the representative of the national visionary behind the project—but soon events reveal that the project's real goals may not be what the community had been promised. The premise is unusual and the setting, the largely Latino but overall diverse factory neighborhood now left without its factory, is vividly conveyed (including the luscious details of Masi's family's bakery treats). The writing is emotionally flat, though, with more telling than showing when it comes to Masi's feelings about Felix (and her friend's brother, Marco) and about her mother's leaving the family, so the events ultimately lack engagement despite their inherent interest. The phoenix-like ending (reporters drawn to the neighborhood when the pyramid burns down lead to Pig Park's revival) also seems implausibly rosy. Many readers will sympathize with Masi's love for her struggling neighborhood, though, and they will be intrigued to see if Pig Park can put itself back on the map. DS



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