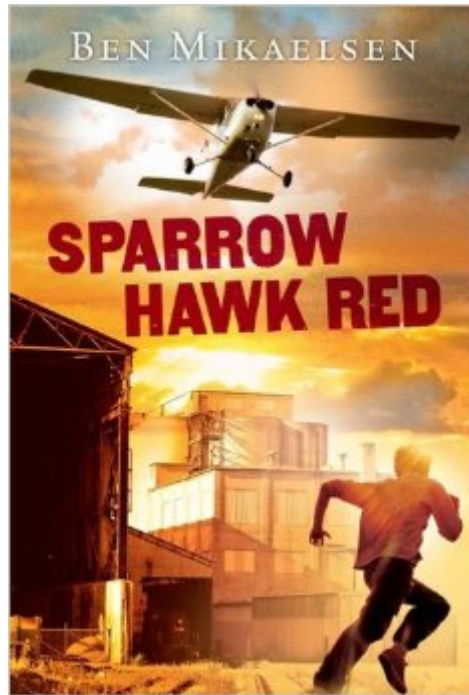


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Synopsis

When thirteen-year-old Ricky Diaz discovers that his mother was actually murdered by drug dealers, he's desperate for revenge. But his father, a former drug enforcement agent, refuses the mission the DEA now offers: to steal an airplane with an American-made radar detector that the cartel uses to smuggle drugs from Mexico. Angry with his father for throwing away the chance to avenge his mother, Ricky decides to take matters into his own hands he will steal the plane. He runs away to Mexico, disguising himself as one of the many rateros, or homeless children. Life on the streets proves extremely hard and dangerous, and he's barely surviving when he meets Soledad, a crafty but kindhearted ratera. With her help, he must find a way to get into the drug cartel's compound and take the plane - or end up as yet another casualty in the raging drug war. In this thrilling novel, author Ben Mikaelson sheds light on America's war on drugs and the grittiness of street life while exploring an unexpected friendship and the healing power of family.

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Customer Reviews

I thought the book, Sparrow Hawk Red, was an outstanding book. I mean, I guess I am the kind of person that likes books that keep you suspenseful, and wondering what is going to happen next. I would have to give this book five stars. I liked it so much that is why I give it five stars. The setting of this book ranges from (I think) southern Arizona and about five to ten miles out of Mexico City.

They never really said what city it was in. I am going to tell you the plot of the story so you can get some ideas of why i liked it. The conflict was about Benito Diaz, and his son Ricky Diaz. A couple of years ago Beito used to work for teh DEA. But he sort of quit the DEA after her got a phone call telling him to back off the case or he would be sorry. That was one reason why he quit but that wasnt the main reason. The main reason was because a couple of days after he had gotten that phone call and had not backed off the case, his wife was in a suspicious car accident. At first he thought that it was just any car accident but when the DEA investigated the scene they found her brakes were cut. Benito told Ricky that it was just a car "accident" but one day the DEA came over to tell Beinto and only Benito that the drug people in Mexico had gotten a radar that could detect their radar so they couldn't stop them from dealing drugs. So they asked Benito to help them steal the "biplane" that had the radar in it. And they said that it was in Ranch Cammaro's Ranch, in Mexico. But Benito them brought up his wife dieing in the car accident. He said something like you want me to steal the airplane from them after they already killed my wife. I don't want to leave Ricky all alone if I die.

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