

# Family story

Literature



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### A&P by John Updike

Plot: Three girls in bathing suits go into a grocery store to pick up some herrings. The manager tells them they have to dress decently, and the narrator, a cashier, gets upset and quits his job because he didn't like how the manager dealt with them.

Characters: First-person narrator, a male teenage cashier; Stokesie, another cashier; Lengel, the manager of the A&P; the three girls in bathing suits, McMahon, the meat counter guy.

Voice: Sort of wistful but also very intelligent in how it describes things.

Setting: The A&P, a grocery store.

Theme: Whether one should become one of "the sheep" pushing carts in the same direction or should go out in a different direction.

Conflict: Between the narrator, who thinks the girls didn't need to be harassed, and the manager, who thinks they did.

### Literary Fiction

#### Linoleum Roses by Sandra Cisneros

Plot: Sally got married very young and her husband is abusive and controlling.

Characters: Sally, a young married girl; The Marshmallow Salesman, Sally's husband.

Voice: A weird mix between whimsical and depressingly straightforward.

Setting: Sally's house.

Theme: Why it's dangerous to get married to somebody you barely know.

Conflict: Sally is afraid of her husband.

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