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## Josefina: An American Girl Details

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## Hannah D says

And reading the series again now for the 3rd time:)

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## Amanda Kay says

Josefina was always my sisters favorite, while I found her quiet and boring. However, in this lovely edition it was easy to reconnect with Josefina and her personality. Tripp does a great job with any of her American Girl books, creating well rounded and interesting characters that have withstood the test of time.

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## Rachel says

I like this series of books better than I thought I would. Josephina is the youngest of four sisters and their mother died just a year ago when the stories start. The author was sure to put in quite a few elements of Josephina's Catholic faith. I found it quite interesting that children were taught to be seen and not heard in Josephina's culture; so different from today. I also appreciated the glossary at the back with definitions for all the Spanish words used.

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## Railee says

Josefina was MY American Girl. Each of my sisters had a favorite and she was mine. The most magical day of my childhood was when I got the doll of her for my birthday (nevermind that she later became my worst fear because I could have sworn that she stared at me at night and moved of her own accord). I read her books over and over again.

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## Melissa says

\*\*\*Book on CDs\*\*\*

I did not expect an American Girl series to be so historical and authentic. This is a fun series about a Mexican American girl and her culture. The setting is authentically described and the Spanish words add to the authenticity. The back of the book will certainly help the students as there is a dictionary with the meanings of the words. Josefina has a great relationship with her family and displays the importance of family in the Mexican American community. This is a great series for fifth graders or so. I would be aware of the other series as they are not as quality - students may also feel the need to read the others; however, they are not very well written.

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## **Kimberly says**

Personal reaction: I love these books! Josefina is such a wonderful character and the events that take place in her books are exciting and enjoyable to read.

Purposes: This would be an independent read for grades 2nd-4th. Girls would particularly enjoy these books and relate to them because Josefina is a 10 year old girl. This book could be used in a realistic fiction unit, or in historical fiction. Josefina lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1824 and her stories would be a great way to teach diverse cultures. There are some harder vocabulary words in the books as well as many Spanish words. There are a few beautiful illustrations throughout the books with pictures that often describe the Spanish word that was used on that page. There is also a Spanish dictionary in the book with all the words that are used in the books. This would be a great book for the students to learn about new cultures and languages.

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## **Taylor Munson says**

When I was younger I loved this book as well. I thought that Josefina's stories in particular were amazing. I believe I loved how she truly did embrace a completely different culture than I did. It was nice to be young and to see how people lived in different circumstances. When I re-read this book, I loved to remember her stories and how dedicated to her family she was. These American Girl Doll Books are great books for kids to learn about different cultures and people.

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## **Chelsea Gouin says**

Josefina is an American Girl living in New Mexico before it was considered part of the United States. Though there was little historical events depicted in Josefina's stories, there was a lot of cultural customs explored. Josefina is a shy yet hopeful 9 year old at the start of her adventures who recently lost her Mama. She has three sisters who can't seem to get along and her Papa is doing his best to run the rancho and raise the girls right. Luckily their Tia Dolores agrees to move in and help teach the girls how to read, write, weave, cook, and play music. She offers support to Josefina when she gets too shy or timid and readers watch Josefina row and blossom through her adventures. I love these collections so you can read each of the short books in one go since they are really quick books.

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## **Christina Baehr says**

We listened to these on our road trip, and I was pleasantly surprised by their wholesomeness. Josefina is a less conventional heroine than many of her AG peers. She's actually interested in serving her family and community and developing her gifts in a thoughtful and wise way, rather than just running off with a horse or wishing she was a boy (Felicity?!). I was also surprised by how positively (Roman Catholic) faith was portrayed. As usual, the illustrations are just lovely. I appreciated the Spanish vocab we learned in this series, also.

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## **Kezziah And Books says**

As a little girl. I was opposed with American Girl. I still really enjoy the stories. American Girl really got me into reading. I started American Girl when I was 9. I loved them ever since.

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## **Nicole says**

My daughter moved from the little house books to this volume of American girl books. She has really enjoyed this story about a 10 year old New Mexican girl and her family after the death of their mother. After reading the books, I found a copy of the audio book at the library and she is listening to it constantly. I'm not excited about the whole American Girl branding phenomenon but the history and innocence of the stories are great.

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## **Julie Doherty says**

Reading this (entire collection) to the girls. They love it- and so do I! There are great historical lessons as well as life lessons to be learned in this series. It also helps supplement the Spanish we are attempting to learn!

Update: Finished the whole Josefina collection and we all loved it. Josefina is a fine example of a hard-working young lady with manners, curiosity and joy for life. I highly recommend it to all girls!

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## **Sally says**

Read this with daughter for a homeschool group. Sweet stories.

rereading with DD2 December16-January17. She enjoys them more than I hoped she would, considering she's smitten with the Goddess Girls books, blech. I enjoy the touching on real life issues, yet couching them gently enough for a young girl to not be overwhelmed.

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## **Myra says**

I was so happy to read these after the Felicity series, and to find that the good old wonderful values I found in the Kaya series had returned. These values kind of got skipped in Felicity, but they are wonderfully strong in Josefina.

I will be very glad to read this series to my daughter this fall for our Liberty Girls club, and there will be so many wonderful values, principles and experiences to talk about.

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## **Arwen says**

Josefina is my favorite American Girls Club doll. It's probably because she's from New Mexico. So when I saw the books at a garage sale I knew I had to have them. And they lived up to their promise.

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