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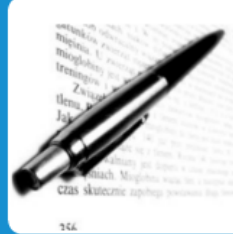


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1974
Soto earns his B.A. in English from CSU, Fresno.



1977
First book, "Elements of San Joaquin" published.



2006
"Fire in my Hands" includes poem 'Oranges' is pub.




1957
Gary Soto's father, Manuel dies.




1975
Soto married Carolyn Oda.



1976
Soto earn his Masters in Fine Arts from UC Irvine.



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- **April 12, 1952**
Gary Soto was born to an immigrant family whole lived in the barrios of Fresno, Ca.
- **1957**
Soto's father dies leaving his mother to care for the family. Times were rough and their family struggled. Soto did not care about school.
- **1974**
After deciding to go to college, he focuses on writing, specifically poetry and earn his degree in English.
- **1975**
Soto marries Carolyn Oda. Oda is the daughter of Japanese farmers. Soto and Oda have one daughter together. They are still married.
- **1976**
Soto graduates from UC Irvine. He has his M.F.A. with a focus on creative writing.
- **1977**
"Elements of San Joaquin" is filled with poems that describe the rouhg life; bleak outlook that many Mexican Americans experience.
- **1999**
Soto is the given the Hispanic Heritage Award for Literature which acknowledges the positive impact he has on the Latino and Latina community.
- **2006**
His book "Fire in my Hands" contains one of his most widely taught poems titled 'Oranges'.