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# Sacred Leaf (The Cocalero Novels)



## Synopsis

USBBY Outstanding International Books selection After he finally manages to escape from being a virtual slave in an illegal cocaine operation, Diego is taken in by the Ricardo family -- poor coca farmers who provide a safe haven while he recovers from his ordeal in the jungle. But even that brief respite comes to an end when the army moves in and destroys the family's coca crop -- and their livelihood. Diego eventually joins the cocaleros as they protest the destruction of their crops by barricading the roads, confronting the army head on. As tension between the cocaleros builds to a dramatic standoff, the wonders whether he will ever find a way to return to his family.

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I visited the prison and saw first hand what it was like. The book is all correct. Very interesting system.

Deborah Ellis' books are all wonderful. I have read them all

Diego's journey to secure peace and stability for his loved ones continues as he navigates a new series of circumstances leading to one bittersweet mini-victory after another.

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