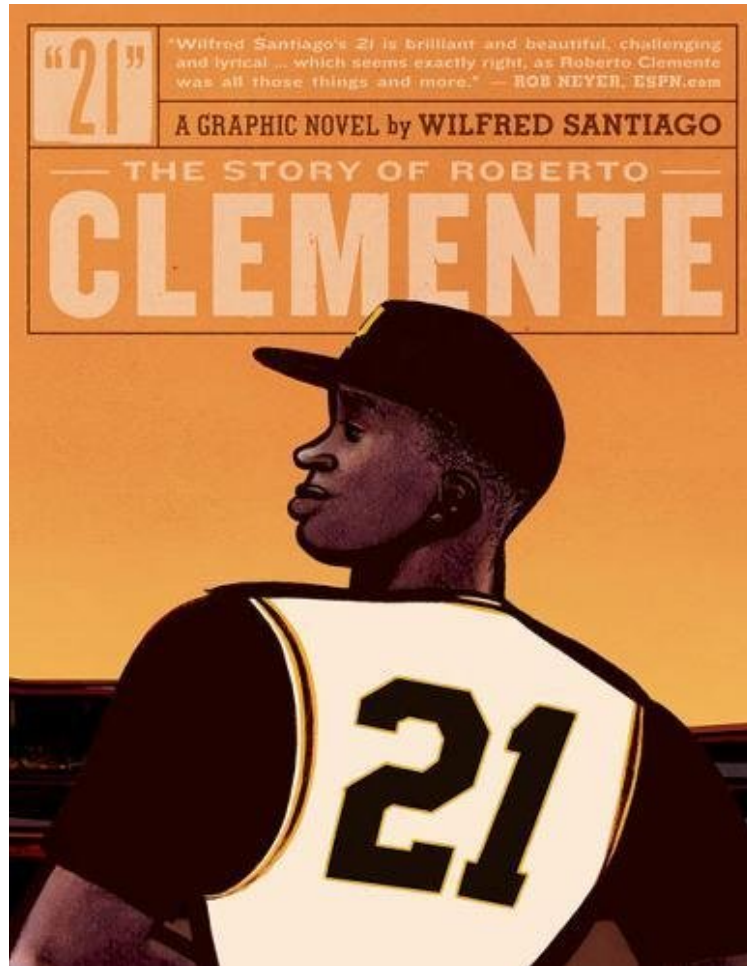


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Lovely graphic biographical essayBy J. HundleyAs an only very occasional reader of graphic novels, or graphic non-fiction, I have no real basis, nor any desire, to try to view this terrific little book in relation to other graphic works. All I can tell you is that I thoroughly enjoyed it. Not really a biography in in any literal sense of the term, it does paint an interesting portrait of the life and times of this fascinating and admirable man. I also have never read a standard biography of Clemente (though I am more motivated now than I was before I read this), so I cannot say precisely how much liberty Santiago may or may not have taken.What I can say is that this is a lovely, lively and very idiosyncratic look at Clemente, his childhood, his growing up and his adult life as one of baseball's all-time greats and greatest symbols of its once status of more-than-a-game. Santiago's style is fluid, muscular and light at the same time. His pictures dance and breathe and bleed from one frame, one page, to the

next with grace and style. The book is a joy to look at. It's pretty good to read, too. My only real complaint is that, maybe by design, Clemente never quite emerges as a three dimensional person (no pun intended). For all the breathtaking artistry on display, this remains an essay, a sort of prose poem to Clemente. I admit this may be my problem, not the book's - it in no way claims, or seems to intend, to be documentary. But I still wanted just a little more flesh. The only thing that kept me from clicking five stars instead of four. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Clemente: A Man for All Seasons, A Book for Everyone By S.J. Bromberg Wilfred Santiago's beautiful graphic novel of Roberto Clemente is not just another biopic of one of our country's most important heroes. Anyone familiar with Clemente knows his life story from the countless biographies, documentaries and tributes that have been created over the years. Yet, Santiago is able to capture the grace and movement of Clemente as a human being and as a hero unlike any previous book. If you love baseball, you will be amazed at the power and energy of the baseball scenes. If you love heroes, you will be inspired all over again at Clemente's sense of justice and honesty. If you are a fan of graphic novels and comics, you will spend hours marveling at the beauty of the illustrations. If you are American and/or Puerto Rican, you will be so proud of Santiago's tribute and of Clemente's unparalleled life. This is a book to treasure and return to again and again. My only regret, we need a Spanish version. There are hundreds of thousands of fans of baseball and Clemente in Latin America and the Caribbean, not to mention hispanoparlantes here in the United States who would apreciarlo mucho! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very unfortunate because the book is a great length and the graphics are nice By MDBeware, this book is not appropriate for all ages. This book was purchased for a middle school library and will unfortunately be returned. Same with another book by the same author. Very unfortunate because the book is a great length and the graphics are nice.

This popular graphic biography of one of the most beloved baseball players of all time, Roberto Clemente, is now in paperback. Now available for the first time in paperback, Wilfred Santiago's instant classic 21: The Story of Roberto Clemente is a human drama of courage, faith, and dignity, inspired by the life of the acclaimed Pittsburgh Pirates baseball star who died too young. 21 chronicles Clemente's life from his early days growing up, through the highlights of his career, capturing the grit of his rise from an impoverished Puerto Rican childhood to the majesty of his performance on the field, and to his fundamental decency off of it. Santiago's inviting style combines realistic attention to detail and expressive cartooning to great effect. Full color

Santiago's graphic novel captures the talent of Clemente the baseball player while also showcasing and illuminating the many simple and human qualities of the man that forged him into an honest and authentic hero. 21's complex yet accessible narrative and profound artwork make it a swift and affecting experience... - Kyle Davis, Call to the Pen Its not just the subject matter that's a winner here. Santiago has a knack for simplicity in his storytelling approach, and in a medium that's often beset by needless complexity, that's a rare gift. - Tim Reinert, Four Colours the Truth About the Author Wilfred Santiago was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico. He now lives in Chicago.