

alligator farm.
texas ranger museum
spanish missions
the alamo
grandmother and the unions
great grandmother in a closed door bedroom
blind grandfather listening to radio baseball games in an alcoholic fog
mi tierra before tourism
limestone fossils
soldiers and airmen
pawnshop sunglasses and knives and pistols
migrants
cultural entanglements
fabric stores
sweaty river walks
chinese merchant who saw the last san antonio apache raid
cowboy legends
mexican saddles
vaqueros
mexican hat dancers
the battle of flowers
the zoo with an elephant ride
the school symphony field trip
the mystical sunken garden
segregation
public buses locking the city together
tin cup and blanket beggars leaning against buildings
five and dime wonderments
botanica remedies
soda bars
homemade tortillas
day of the dead celebration
catholic school uniforms
chinese finger puzzles
jumping beans
retablos

images of saints
religious statuary
pepper gardens
talavera and empire pottery
movie theater and a ceiling of stars in an auditorium of cold air
adobe
caliche
leather boots
silver belt buckles
unpaved streets
canasta parties
drouhts
floods
boarding houses
mesquite trees
pecan trees
seasonal flowers
weeping willows along the river
polio
cancer
malaria
poorhouses
morning and evening newspaper home deliveries
brutal child abuse
virgin mary
mi corazon
women without rights
tattoo parlors
prison tattoos
alcohol
heroin
weed
mariachi bands
religious relics
religious candles

church bells
county courts
city courts
county courts
federal courts
the police
la policia
elite riding clubs
old calvary forts
playland park
faith healers
curio shops
scissor sharpeners
crazy nuns
apparition masked and unmasked wrestlers wrestling in square rings
bowling alley with rental shoes and twenty five lanes
high kicking baton twirlers
outdoor pavilions for picnics and birthday parties
pinatas and blindfolded squealing strikers
vicious night mosquitoes and vicious day mosquito bites swelling
chiggers
bats
standing school fans circulating summer heat
cactus thorn ambushes
suspicious stray dogs and edgy feral cats
river smell of water moccasins
rattlers with hollow scale rattles
dazzling quinceanera dresses walking into womanhood
white faced and painted day of the dead la catrina guiding spirits through the streets.

born in nineteen fifty.

unsupervised i wandered everywhere
in the culture of cultural clashes and agreements...
where i grew up.

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