Albom, Mitch. **The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto**

A Spanish war orphan born in a burning church and raised by a blind guitar teacher, Frankie Pesto was gifted with extraordinary musical ability. When he is nine years old, civil war tears apart his home and he is sent to America, smuggled in the bottom of a boat with only an old guitar and six magical strings. His talent eventually leads him through the music of the twentieth century, from classical to jazz to rock and roll, from Grand Old Opry to Woodstock. He becomes a rock star himself, but he discovers his gift has become a burden. He realizes he can affect people's futures; his guitar strings turn blue whenever a life is altered. Overwhelmed by this knowledge, he disappears for years but eventually he makes a dramatic reappearance. This is a long leisurely novel with a touch of magic written by Mitch Albom, a lifelong musician himself, as well as a best-selling author, e.g.," The Five People You Meet in Heaven." (Call No. FIC-ALB)