



# AMERICAN DIRT BY JEANINE CUMMINS

## The Chappelle Gardens Book Club Review:

*American Dirt* is a 2020 novel by American author Jeanine Cummins, about the ordeal of a Mexican woman who had to leave behind her life and escape as an undocumented immigrant to the United States with her son. In a pleasant Acapulco neighborhood, gunmen slaughter 16 people at a family barbecue, from a grandmother to the girl whose quinceañera they are celebrating. The only survivors are Lydia, a young mother, and her 8-year-old son, Luca. She knows they must escape, fast and far.

The bravery and long road that this book showcases astounded us all. Everyone recommended.

“Mix of horror of violence and snippets of kindness throughout the story.”

“don’t be surprised if this story sparks a current of activism in you “

“most gripping opening chapter I have read in a very, very long time “

**WE GAVE THIS BOOK 4.5 OUT OF 5 STARS**

