

The novel Call it Sleep by Henry Roth explores many themes and ~~and~~ hardships that a person in David's position can face. Things like culture, assimilation, and relationships with our parents are issues that many American born kids with immigrant ties struggle with. The degree to which some struggle depends on the type of situation they are in. David has a few certain interactions with his father that are very relatable and realistic. Issues like how they can never really fully understand each other, and how often how David gets the feeling that his father is embarrassed of him. Due to having immigrant parents David is forced to have to grow up quieter and it takes a massive toll on his relationship with his father.

A massive issue with David & his father is Albert is nothing like the kids down the streets. Dad's are like, "Holding the little wheels, David wondered again why it was that everybody on the streets knew where his father worked