**Book:** In Nueva York

**Reviewed by:** Mazie Coyne

**Level of Difficulty:** Difficult

**My thoughts about the book and its suitability for my group:**

This book is a set of interrelated short stories about a Puerto Rican neighborhood in New York City. Rudi’s Luncheonette, in the center of the neighborhood, is the setting for most of the stories, and most of the main characters work there. The short stories run the gamut from everyday experiences of people to crises that change the way they interact with one another. The stories show the struggles and successes of life in the neighborhood. You see the accommodations people from different backgrounds make so they can live together peacefully in a major metropolis.

**Students’ reactions to the book:**

The students felt the book was on just the right level for them. They found it challenging because of vocabulary, idioms and slang, but not so difficult that they had to work too hard. The stories were interesting enough that they did not want to put the book down. Two of the students who did not start at the beginning with the class kept the book in order to read the earlier chapters.

**Tips for other tutors who may want to use this book:**