

# “All Dried Out”



**Adam Favela**  
Eleven-years-old  
Temecula, California

Eleven-year-old Adam Favela is excited to grow up. He wants to go to the University of Southern California, become an architect, start a family and own a home on the beach in Oceanside. But until then, he will look to the immediate future—living the life of a sixth grader at Temecula Middle School. He says he likes going to school because he learns something new everyday and gets to hang out with his friends. Izaiah is his best friend, and other members of his exclusive pack are Johnny, Patrick, and Robert. They ride bikes together and play MX Superfly on Playstation. Adam especially likes to ride dirt bikes with dad. They have seven dirt bikes in their garage. He is quarterback for his flag football team, and used to play baseball until he got pelted in the ribcage by a 60 MPH fastball. His favorite sports hero of all time is Padres’ former right fielder, Tony Gwynn. Whenever he has a chance, he eats ham and egg burritos or goes to his favorite restaurant, Pat and Oscars. Boey, the turtle, and Chiquita the Chihuahua live with him—he says he refers to them as his brother and sister since he is the only child. If he could go anywhere in the world, real or fake, he would go to Atlantis so he could learn about its mystical wonders. If he had all the money in the world, he would help everyone who is sick and starving. But he says the very most important part of his life is his parents, Pamela and Bert, because they love him unconditionally. And he says he loves them just the same.