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I would encourage all adult readers to read our (mine and my daughter's) point of view which provides an individual and personal point of view. I add a few of my experiences here to the rich wealth of information we share as we create a pool of stories of/for single parents. This story just adds to that rich wealth of information. I have learned to understand certain circumstances that are part of our lives; birth, love, learning and life and death. My story reflects on episodes of our lives; my marriage and divorce, my daughter's birth and development up until her second grade in school and hints of her life as an adult now. My perspective is different from others because I am an individual with unique experiences. I touch on decision making. I touch on emotions. I touch on sex and love. I am opinionated. I am culturally diverse. I grew up with two cultures which I have taken to heart. Both cultures offered what I think was best for me and my daughter. My father was an officer in the United States Army. My mother is a retired teacher with 35 years of experience. I was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, so were two of my sisters and the youngest was born in Massachusetts. I was brought up on military bases most of them in the United States. I learned two languages, Spanish thanks to my mom, and English, thanks to my dad. I am a teacher and I have taught since 1974. I have taught high school, elementary school, middle school and adult education. I have also learned from my students. I am old enough to know better. And most importantly of all, I share something graceful.

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