In the book *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario, Enrique is a character that suffers the abandonment of his mother when she decides to leave her two kids to come to the United States. Every person has suffering in life that are painful and impossible to forget. Those hindrances hold you back from being the leader of your own life. Enrique, a boy from Honduras, faced the biggest and horrendous suffering in his life. Enrique was abandoned by his mother when he was five years old. His mother emigrated to the United States to look for a better future for her kids. She promised Enrique and his sister Beity that she will return, but she never did. Enrique's mother departure was necessary because it was the only way to food. Enriche and Beity, but the poverty in Honduras was huge. Lourdes' departure remarked Enrique's life forever. I believe that the abandonment of a child is a major challenge that he/she will face later on. The abandon of Enrique when he was a child kept him away from being a leader of his own life. He did not have a person who really could take care of him, no advice, and love from anyone—even his mother. I believe that kept him from leading his own life. Some people might think that Enrique's mother took the right decision when she abandoned Enrique when he was a child. People say that Lourdes' decision would allow Enrique to dress better because she was going to provide more money. That Enrique and Beity wouldn't look so poor. That it was the only opportunity to eat better. Also, the decision was going to improve their education. Lourdes tried everything to give a better life style to her kids, but everything was pointlessly because the economy and poverty in Honduras didn't let her.
I personally understand that. But what was going to happen when Enrique as he grew up. No one took care of him, no advices and real love from a real mother.

The abandoned of Enrique caused horrible impacts/effects that held him back from leading his own life. One of the major effects of Lourdes' departure was that Enrique didn't get care by a real mother, Enrique didn't have a mother who would take care of him when he was sick. A mother who can confront when he felt depressed. For instance, Enrique struggled in school and nobody helped him. Therefore he quit school. There was no one who cared for his education. No one showed interest in his education and even the way he was living. He felt rejected by his mother because she felt him and he didn't understand why. His father rejection didn't mean anything to him, but it shows that even his father didn't care about him. His father just avoided Enrique replacing his son's love for a woman. The only person who showed love toward him and his uncle. But after his uncle was murder he felt lonely than ever. His loneliness was the biseck age to his success in life. Nobody directed him that to do, even his mother, she didn't guide him to do even his mother, she didn't guide him to take the right path in his education.

A second major issue of Enrique's abandonment was that he didn't get any advices from anybody that could help to control his life. For example, Enrique was using drugs. He was sniffing glue. Rosa Amanda, Enrique's aunt saw him sniffing glue but instead of helping him she judged and yelled at him. "Drugs!" drug addict. She could adored him to straighten his life and stop using drugs.
Enrique suffered when people called him "drug addict" because nobody understood his problems and feelings. He refused to do drugs and thought about his mother that wouldn't happen if his mother was in his life. When he was dragged he developed a wild behavior. He was dangerous to be around. He felt more rejected and lonelier. Another example that shows that nobody adored Enrique to straight his life was when he quit school. Enrique was struggling in his studies but no one guide him to keep studying so he could escape poverty.

A third and most relevant effect of Enrique's abandonment was that he didn't got any true love from a real mother. When Lourdes left Enrique he was five years old. He didn't remember her; he was left with his grandmother. As he grew up he kept asking his mother when was the time he was going to see her again. She answered "this coming Christmas, mi hijo!". Enrique waited at the same door that he saw her go. But she didn't come. He was so disappointed. When Enrique marked his sixteenth birthday his biggest wish was to be near his mom. When he immigrated to United States and arrived to Lourdes, his life was perfect, his girlfriend, Marra Isabel gave birth to his daughter, he had a job and most importantly he was near his mom. But as time passed his part was knocking his door. Enrique felt back to his drug addiction. But this time, it was worst because he used to fight with his loving mother and didn't even care about them. Every time they fought Enrique would reproach her why she left him the love he had toward her was transformed to remorse because Lourdes was never Preventing his life.
In conclusion, Enrique had a devastating and sad childhood without his mother. No one took care of him as a real mother would do. He took the wrong path to drugs because he wasn't guided and inspired by a role model to straighten up his life. And most shocking for him, he didn't have love of a real mother near him. I believe that his heartbreaking infancy/babyhood didn't leave Enrique to lead and control his life. And at the end his daughter would suffer the same way he lived his childhood because both of her parents would be in U.S. That's the price that a child has to pay when he/she is left behind when his/her mother or father immigrates to United States, seeking and searching for a better future for their kids.