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**LATINO LIFE 2008:
BOOKS ABOUT THE HISPANIC EXPERIENCE**
Booklists for Adults

"Latino Life" is a list of recent books concerning the Latino experience, and is published as part of the Boston Public Library's observance of Hispanic Heritage Month each year.

* appropriate for Young Adults

+ available in Spanish or bilingual

BIOGRAPHY

American Son: My Story

by Oscar De la Hoya with Steve Springer

One of the most celebrated fighters in the history of boxing tells of the trials and triumphs on his journey toward achieving the American Dream.

GV1132.D37A3 2008

+ *Fidel Castro: My Life: A Spoken Autobiography*

by Fidel Castro with Ignacio Ramonet

Presented in question-and-answer format, reflecting over 100 hours of conversation, this book chronicles the life experiences and career of this charismatic revolutionary leader of Cuba. F1788.22.C3A513 2008

* *Hugo Chávez: Venezuelan President and Provocateur*

by Cristina Marcano & Alberto Barrera Tyszka

From impoverished childhood to influential military and political career, the authors give an insightful view of the life of this controversial and enigmatic world leader.

F2328.52.C48M3713 2007

An Island Called Home: Returning to Jewish Cuba

by Ruth Behar

This journal, rich with photographs, documents Behar's return to her birth country and her exploration of past and present Jewish community in Cuba.

F1789.J4B43 2007

My Colombian War: A Journey Through the Country I Left Behind

by Silvana Paternostro

This acclaimed U.S. journalist explores her personal past and examines the conflict in Colombia as she returns to interview family, friends, and military leaders.

F2264.2.P38 2007

No Way Home: A Dancer's Journey from the Streets of Havana to the Stages of the World

by Carlos Acosta

One of ballet's most captivating performers gives an impassioned rags-to-riches account of his struggles in life and in art and his search for identity.

GV1785.A25A3 2008

Revolution of Hope: The Life, Faith, and Dreams of a Mexican President

by Vincente Fox and Rob Allyn

Fox recounts his path to the presidency and his unconventional approach to Mexican politics as he reveals his hopeful vision for the world. F1236.9.F69A3 2007

Storming Las Vegas: How a Cuban-Born, Soviet-Trained Commando Took Down the Strip to the Tune of Five World-Class Hotels, Three Armored Cars, and Millions of Dollars

by John Huddy

The lurid tale of battle-hardened revolutionary Jose Vioga's violent two-year rampage through 1990s Sin City. HV6795.L37H83 2008

+ *The Sum of Our Days*

by Isabel Allende

With humor, warmth, and candor, this richly woven narrative shares this prolific writer's thoughts on life as she grieves the tragic loss of her daughter.

PQ8098.1.L54Z46 2008

Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars, and the Battle to Save Baseball

by Jose Canseco

Picking up where his bestselling memoir *Juiced* left off, this former baseball golden boy reveals more controversial details about steroid use in Major League Baseball.

GV865.C313A3 2008

EXPRESSIONS

Crossing the Water: A Photographic Path to the Afro-Cuban Spirit World

by Claire Garoutte and Anneke Wambaugh

This photographic exploration of the Afro-Cuban religions of Santería, Palo Monte, and Espiritismo focuses on Santiago, a renowned practitioner and godfather to many initiates. BL2566.C9G37 2007

How I Learned English: 55 Accomplished Latinos Recall Lessons in Language and Life

edited by Tom Miller

Essays and excerpts from Latino authors, poets, athletes, musicians, doctors, and politicians about the difficulties of learning to speak English and the immigrant experience. PE1066.H695 2007x

Isabel's Cantina: Bold Latin Flavors from the New California Kitchen

by Isabel Cruz

These recipes for simple Latin comfort food blend Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican, Japanese, and Thai cooking while cutting calories and fat but not flavor.

TX716.A1C78 2007

* *Once Upon a Quinceañera: Coming of Age in the USA*

by Julia Alvarez

An exploration of this coming-of-age ceremony for American Latinas turning 15, and what it means for the girls, their families, and their communities.

GT2490.A45 2007

Queens of Havana: The Amazing Adventures of Anacaona, Cuba's Legendary All-Girl Dance Band

by Alicia Castro; as told to Ingrid Kummels and Manfred Schäfer
In 1930s Cuba, all-girl dance bands were unheard of until the eldest daughter of a grocer decided it was time to start one with her sisters. ML421.A465C313 2007x

Simply Delicioso: A Collection of Everyday Recipes with a Latin Twist

by Ingrid Hoffmann with Raquel Pelzel

Food Network star Hoffman inspires cooks to create 125 festive Latin inspired dinners, appetizers, desserts, and drinks with this illustrated collection.

TX716.A1H62 2008

* *The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom*

by Margarita Engle

Cuba's fight for independence is revealed through the viewpoints of "Rosa," a natural healer, and others caught up in the three wars between 1850 and 1899.

PS3555.N4254S87 2008

Tastes Like Cuba: An Exile's Hunger for Home

by Eduardo Machado and Michael Domitrovich

Machado's memoir captures the influence of the flavors of his native Cuba on his sense of identity; accompanying recipes help immerse readers in the experience.

TX716.C8M335 2007

Through the Eyes of the Condor: An Aerial Vision of Latin America

by Robert B. Haas

These aerial photographs of Latin American landscapes, both natural and man-made, are enhanced by essays by the photographer which illuminate the process of capturing the photographs. TR660.5.H33 2007 FOLIO

HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Cuba: A Global Studies Handbook

by Ted A. Henken

An introductory resource that includes the geography, history, economic development, culture, society, and institutions that comprise this island nation.

F1788.H38 2008

* + *Far From Home: Latino Baseball Players in America*

by Tim Wendel & José Luis Villegas

A brief history, in text and photographs, of Latino players in the big leagues, many of whom came from the poorest regions of Latin America.

GV863.A1W445 2008

Forgotten Continent: The Battle for Latin America's Soul

by Michael Reid

Largely overlooked by the West, this vast region is home to half a billion people and faces tough political, economic, and social challenges in the 21st century.

F1414.3.R35 2007

Heart Smart for Black Women and Latinas: A 5-Week Program for Living a Heart-Healthy Lifestyle

by Jennifer H. Mieres and Terri Ann Parnell, with Carol Turkington

Advice on nutrition, fitness, and stress management designed to help women who face special cultural and genetic challenges to better heart health.
RC672.M52 2008

His Panic: Why Americans Fear Hispanics in the U.S.

by Geraldo Rivera

The award-winning journalist addresses many of America's concerns about its burgeoning Hispanic population, illegal immigration, and anti-immigration attitudes.
JV6475.R58 2008

Hyperborder: The Contemporary U.S.-Mexico Border and Its Future

by Fernando Romero

An in-depth portrait of this controversial region examines the economic, social, and political issues that have shaped it on both sides and includes many photographs, maps, and charts. F787.R57 2008

Mongrels, Bastards, Orphans, and Vagabonds: Mexican Immigration and the Future of Race in America

by Gregory Rodriguez

An examination of the long-term cultural and political influences of Mexican-Americans—the largest immigrant group in American history—on the United States.
E184.M5R587 2007

Pancho Villa and Black Jack Pershing: The Punitive Expedition in Mexico

by James W. Hurst

In his 1916-17 military campaign against Villa and his forces, General Pershing fought not only the Mexican outlaw but the publicity machine that supported him.
F1234.H95 2008

Revolution!: South America and the Rise of the New Left

by Nikolas Kozloff

An examination of the impact of recently elected leftist leaders, who are taking the continent in new political directions. JL1860.K69 2008

The World of Mexican Migrants: The Rock and the Hard Place

by Judith Adler Hellman

Mexican migrants, including construction workers, waiters, and street vendors, tell the personal stories of their struggles to survive in the U.S. E184.M5H385 2008

FICTION

+ *The Bad Girl*

by Mario Vargas Llosa

Ricardo's infatuation with enigmatic Lily begins as a teenager in 1950s Peru and continues for 30 years, as he meets her again and again in her many incarnations.

Blood of the Wicked

by Leighton Gage

After a Brazilian bishop is murdered, Chief Inspector Mario Silva's investigation is hampered by political tensions, priestly pedophilia, kidnappings, and more murders.

Calligraphy of the Witch

by Alicia Gaspar de Alba

Sold into slavery, brutalized, and raped, Concepción is also swept up in the hysteria of the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692.

+ *The Dancer and the Thief: A Novel*

by Antonio Skármeta

Newly released from prison in post-Pinochet Chile, Angel seeks out famous safecracker Nicolás and plots a bank heist in order to fund his girlfriend's dance lessons.

Dirty Girls on Top

by Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez

Extramarital affairs, fertility woes, and racist in-laws are just some of the issues facing the six *sucias* in this sequel to *The Dirty Girls Social Club*.

* *The Flowers*

by Dagoberto Gilb

When his mother marries an Okie building contractor, fifteen-year-old Sonny Bravo finds his life uprooted to Los Flores, where he becomes embroiled in the lives of his neighbors.

Free Style: A Novel

by Linda Nieves-Powell

Discontented married moms Idalis and Selenis return to their favorite '90s nightclub to escape the heavy realities of everyday life.

Havana Noir

edited by Achy Obejas

A collection of stories that examine the dark side of a city characterized by ironic and wrenching contradictions.

The Heartbreak Pill: A Novel

by Anjanette Delgado

Erika Luna, a thirtysomething scientist, develops a miracle cure to get over her cheating husband for good.

Hunter's Run

by George R.R. Martin, Gardner Dozois, and Daniel Abraham

Ramón Espejo, an ore prospector on the planet São Paulo, stumbles upon a hidden alien race while on the lam after committing murder.

If I Die in Juárez

by Stella Pope Duarte

Evita, Petra, and Mayela uncover Juárez's forbidden secret—the abduction and murder of young women—in this novel based on the real-life, unsolved maquiladora murders in the 1990s.

+ *Margarita, How Beautiful the Sea: A Novel*

by Sergio Ramírez

This historical novel covering 50 years of Nicaraguan history intertwines the story of famed poet Rubén Darío with that of despised dictator Anastasio Somoza.

My Daughter's Eyes and Other Stories

by Annecy Báez

A collection of fourteen interrelated stories about young Dominican women in the Bronx as they deal with traditional values and individual choices.

Names on a Map: A Novel

by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

El Paso, 1967: The Espejo family struggles with change; grandmother Rosario is dying, and 18-year-old Gustavo flees to Mexico to avoid the draft.

Notorious

by Michele Martinez

New York prosecutor Melanie Vargas is determined to find the killer of fellow attorney and new love interest Lester Poe, whose murder she witnessed.

Souls of Angels: A Novel

by Thomas Eidson

After ten years, Sister Ria Lugo returns to L.A. in 1882 to protect her domineering father, who has been accused of killing a local prostitute.

Switchcraft

by Mary Castillo

Be careful what you wish for—as Aggie and Nely find out when they accidentally switch bodies during a “transcendental meditation ceremony” at a New Age spa.

Tarnished Beauty: A Novel

by Cecilia Samartin

Shunned in Mexico due to a disfiguring birthmark, Jamilet moves to L.A., where she befriends the elderly, mysterious Señor Peregrino and finds healing in his life story.

The Undead Kama Sutra

by Mario Acevedo

Vampire detective Felix Gomez and vampire sexpert Carmen become defenders against an alien plot to kidnap Earth women.

The Vagabond Virgins

by Ken Kuhlken

On the eve of the 1979 Mexican elections, San Diego P.I. Alvaro Hickey is hired by Lourdes Shuler to look into rumors of the Holy Virgin’s appearances.

When the Ground Turns in Its Sleep

by Sylvia Sellers-Garcia

Nítido travels to Guatemala to learn of his family’s past. When he is mistaken for a priest, he maintains the ruse and uncovers a town’s deep secrets.

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