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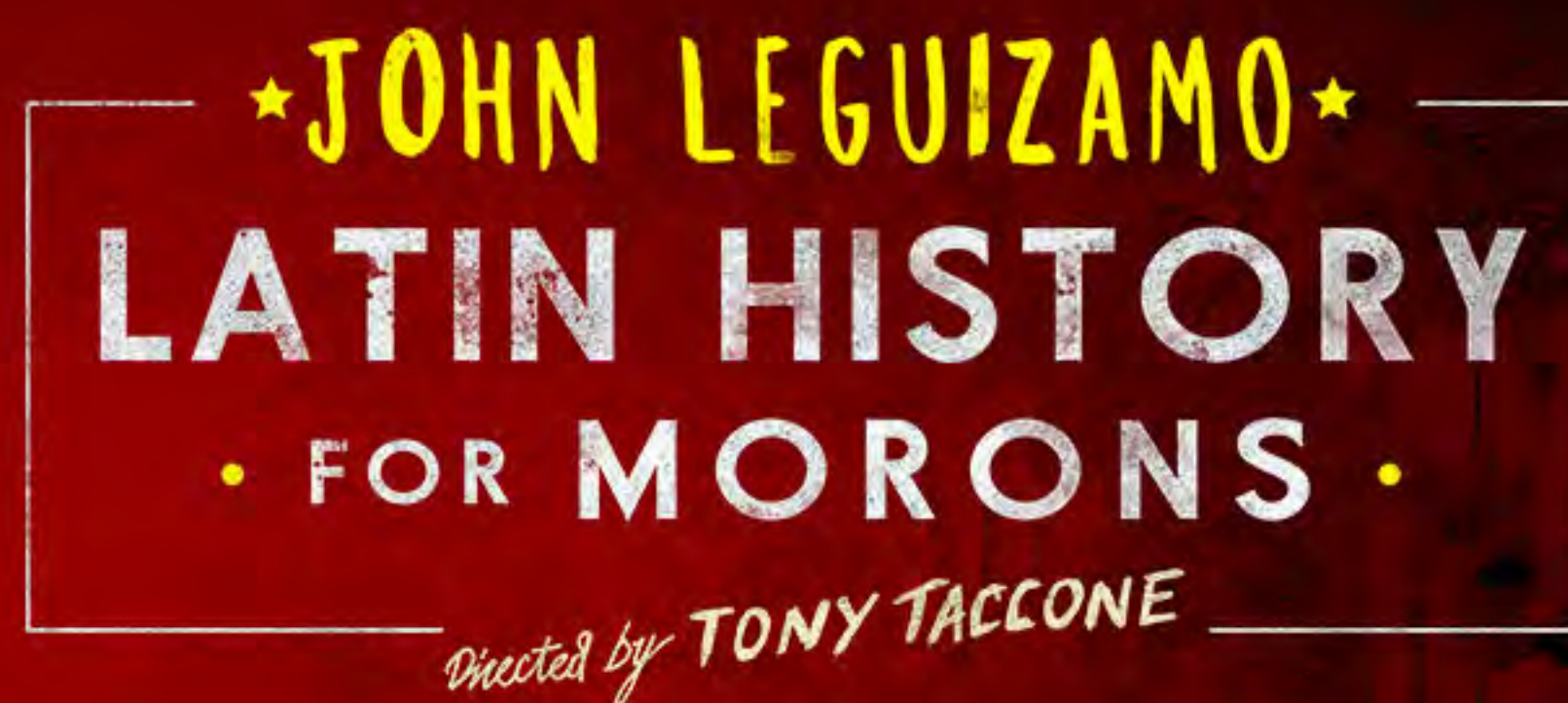
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# LATIN HISTORY FOR MORONS

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Study the lives of famous Latin figures, including the woman who dressed as a man to help her husband fight the Civil War, the monk who wrote the first history of Latin America, and many, many more.

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## OUR INDIGENOUS ANCESTORS

From Aztecs to Atahualpa, these books teach about the epic empires and proud people that flourished in the Americas before any explorer ever "discovered" the New World.

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## THE REAL LATIN HISTORY

These books trace the unique history of Latin Americans in the U.S. and explore the ways American and European peoples and cultures intersected after 1492.

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## WE WRITE TOO, COÑO!

What, you thought this list could be complete without giving props to Latin literary masters? These powerful works from Latin writers run the gamut from short stories to plays to poetry.

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## EXTRACURRICULAR READING

A statistical exploration of Latino life in the U.S. A novel about a Colombian guerilla. A "Semi-Demi-Quasi-Pseudo Autobiography." These texts go beyond any single genre or theme, and include works from our ghetto scholar!

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HIS LIFE, APOSTOLATE,  
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by Francis Augustus Macnutt

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AMERICAN  
LIBERATOR by Marie  
Arana

**BOLÍVAR:**  
LIBERATOR OF A  
CONTINENT  
by Bill Boyd

**CHE GUEVERA:**  
A REVOLUTIONARY LIFE  
by Jon Lee Anderson

**DEATH OF A  
REVOLUTIONARY:**  
CHE GUEVARA'S LAST  
MISSION  
by Richard L. Harris

**HELL TO ETERNITY**  
by Edward S. Aarons

**THE WOMAN IN BATTLE:**  
THE CIVIL WAR NARRATIVE  
OF LORETA JANETA  
VELÁZQUEZ, CUBAN WOMAN  
AND CONFEDERATE SOLDIER  
by Loreta Janeta Velázquez

**SIMÓN BOLÍVAR,  
THE LIBERATOR**  
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ANCESTORS



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NEW REVELATIONS OF  
THE AMERICAS BEFORE  
COLUMBUS  
by Charles C. Mann

**500 NATIONS:**  
AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF  
NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS  
by Alvin M. Josephy, Jr.

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THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE  
ANCIENT MAYA  
by David Freidel &  
Linda Schele

**ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS  
OF THE AMERICAS**  
by Antony Mason

**AZTEC**  
by Gary Jennings

**AZTECS:**  
AN INTERPRETATION  
by Inga Clendinnen

**INCANS AZTECS MAYANS**  
by John Holzmann

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A TRAVELER'S COMPANION  
by Eagle/Walking Turtle

**LOST CITIES OF THE MAYA**  
by Claude Baudez, Sydney  
Picasso, and Caroline Palmer

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THE RIDDLE AND  
REDISCOVERY  
OF A LOST CIVILIZATION by  
Charles Gallenkamp

**EXPLORING MESOAMERICA**  
by John M.D. Pohl

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by Jorge E. Hardoy

**THE ANCIENT MAYA**  
by Sylvanus Griswold Morley

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KINGDOMS  
OF THE AMERICANS**  
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**THE AZTEC TREASURE  
HOUSE:**  
NEW AND SELECTED ESSAYS  
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**THE MAYA**  
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Stephen D. Houston

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AND THE ANCIENT MAYA**  
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**WARLORDS OF THE  
ANCIENT AMERICAS:**  
CENTRAL AMERICA  
by Peter G. Tsouras

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STUDIES OF AN AMAZONIAN  
FOUNDATION MYTH  
by Gerardo Reichel-Dolmatoff



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THE REAL  
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UNITED STATES**

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HISTORY OF THE UNITED  
STATES**

by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

**BORN IN BLOOD AND FIRE:**

A CONCISE HISTORY OF LATIN  
AMERICA

by John Charles Chasteen

**CHICANO!**

THE HISTORY OF THE  
MEXICAN AMERICAN CIVIL  
RIGHTS MOVEMENT

by F. Arturo Rosales

**EARLY LATIN AMERICA:**

A HISTORY OF COLONIAL  
SPANISH AMERICA AND  
BRAZIL

by James Lockhart &  
Stuart B. Schwartz

**FLORENTINE CODEX:**

GENERAL HISTORY OF THE  
THINGS OF NEW SPAIN

by Fray Bernardino de Sahagún,  
translated and illustrated by  
Arthur J. O. Anderson and  
Charles E. Dibble

**FORGOTTEN DEAD:**

MOB VIOLENCE AGAINST  
MEXICANS IN THE UNITED  
STATES 1848-1928

by William D. Gerrigan &  
Clive Webb

**GUNS, GERMS, AND STEEL**

by Jared Diamond, Ph.D.

**LATIN AMERICA  
IN A NEW WORLD**

edited by Abraham F.  
Lowenthal  
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THE MAKING OF THE  
MEXICAN AMERICAN RACE

by Laura E. Gómez

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AMERICA:**

FIVE CENTURIES OF THE  
PILLAGE OF A CONTINENT

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SANTERÍA AND THE WORSHIP  
OF SAINTS

by Migene González-Wippler

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THE RELIGION

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**HISTORY OF THE INDIES** by

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**LATIN AMERICA:**

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REVOLUTION**

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A JOURNEY THROUGH  
LATIN AMERICA  
by Ernesto "Che" Guevara

**CUENTOS:**

STORIES BY LATINAS  
edited by Alma Gómez,  
Cherrie Moraga, and Mariana  
Romo-Carmona

**GROWING UP CHICANA/O:**

AN ANTHOLOGY  
by Tiffany Ana Lopez

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by Ernesto "Che" Guevara

**LA PUBLICIDAD QUE  
ME PARIÓ**

by Gabriel Dreyfus

**THE LABYRINTH OF  
SOLITUDE**

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by Jose Martí

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translated by Esther Allen

**SHORT EYES**

by Miguel Piñero

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by Ed Vega

**WALKING THE RED ROAD  
ON CHICANISMO:**

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IDENTITY TEATRO PLAYS  
by Ysidro Roman-Macias

**WAR CRY ON A  
PRAYER FEATHER:**

PROSE AND POETRY  
OF THE UTE INDIANS  
by Nancy Wood



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# EXTRACURRICULAR READING



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A SEMI-DEMI-QUASI-  
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by Idelisse Malavé  
& Esti Giordani

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AND ALL THE REST OF MY  
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MY LIFE**

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MEXICAN CITY (STUDY IN  
COMPARATIVE POLICY)**

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& William S. Tuohy

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CHE GUEVARA**

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**THE NEW JIM CROW:**

MASS INCARCERATION IN  
THE AGE OF  
COLORBLINDNESS by  
Michelle Alexander

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LORDS AND THE STRUGGLE  
FOR LIBERATION**

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**THE WORKS OF JOHN  
LEGUIZAMO:**

FREAK, SPIC-O-RAMA,  
MAMBO MOUTH, AND  
SEXAHOLIX  
by John Leguizamo