

BOOKS ABOUT ♣ Hispanic Heritage

Mexican and Central American Mythology by Irene Nicholson. 299 NIC

Discusses the religious beliefs and legends of the Mexican and Central American Indians in pre-Hispanic times.

The Cooking of Mexico by Matthew Locricchio. 641.5971 LOC

Introduces the different culinary regions of Mexico and presents all kinds of recipes for traditional Mexican dishes.

Voices in First Person: Reflections on Latino Identity edited by Lori Marie Carlson. 808.82 VOI

A collection of brief fictional pieces about the experiences of Latinos in the United States.

Frida & Diego: Art, Love, Life by Catherine Reef. 920 REE

Discusses the lives and art of the artist couple, Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera.

Cuba Facts and Figures by John Ziff. 972.91 ZIF

Looks at Cuba, covering its land, history, government, economy, people, and communities.

Estrella's Quinceanera by Malin Alegria. F ALE

Estrella's mother and aunt are planning a traditional quinceanera complete with mariachi band and puffy-sleeved orange dress; however, Estrella has turned her nose up at tradition and her heritage since she won a scholarship at a ritzy private school in San Jose.

Sofi Mendoza's Guide to Getting Lost in Mexico by Malin Alegria. F MAL

When Southern California high school senior Sofi Mendoza lies to her parents and crosses the border for a weekend party, she has no idea that she will get stuck in a Mexican village with family she has never met before, unable to return to the United States and the easy life she knew.

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros. F CIS

A young girl living in a Hispanic neighborhood in Chicago ponders the advantages and disadvantages of her environment and evaluates her relationships with family and friends.

Disappeared by Francisco X. Stork. F STA

Sara Zapata's best friend, Linda, disappeared from the streets of Juarez, and Sara has been using her job as a reporter to draw attention to the girls who have been kidnapped by the criminals who control the city, but now she and her family are being threatened--meanwhile her younger brother, Emiliano, is being lured into the narcotics business by the promise of big money. The only way for both of them to escape is to risk the dangerous trek across the desert to the United States border.

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer. F VOO

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.