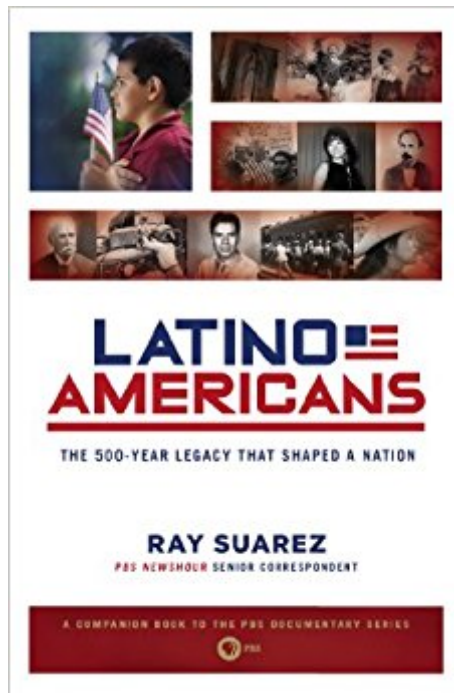




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# Latino Americans: The 500-Year Legacy That Shaped A Nation



## Synopsis

THE COMPANION BOOK TO THE PBS DOCUMENTARY SERIES *Latino Americans* chronicles the rich and varied history of Latinos, who have helped shaped our nation and have become, with more than fifty million people, the largest minority in the United States. This companion to the landmark PBS miniseries vividly and candidly tells how the story of Latino Americans is the story of our country. Author and acclaimed journalist Ray Suarez explores the lives of Latino American men and women over a five-hundred-year span, encompassing an epic range of experiences from the early European settlements to Manifest Destiny; the Wild West to the Cold War; the Great Depression to globalization; and the Spanish-American War to the civil rights movement. *Latino Americans* shares the personal struggles and successes of immigrants, poets, soldiers, and many others—individuals who have made an impact on history, as well as those whose extraordinary lives shed light on the times in which they lived, and the legacy of this incredible American people.

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“This companion book for the PBS series of the same name also stands on its own as a source of valuable information about this large, and growing, group of Americans. . . . [Suarez] does a terrific job. . . . [He] succeeds in his stated goal of getting listeners to think differently about this country and to appreciate the Latino contributions to our history.” —AudioFile “Suarez . . . reads with

passion about his subject. Recommended to fans of the documentary series or those looking for a powerful overview of Latino Americans' substantial contribution to American history. •Library Journal --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Broadcast journalist Ray Suarez is a senior correspondent for PBS NewsHour, and host of the public radio show America Abroad. He has also been host of Talk of the Nation on NPR and a correspondent for CNN. He lives in Washington, DC, with his family.

Excellent information, a little dry reading, but worth the effort. As an Arizonan who grew up with Latino Americans and who deeply appreciates their enormous contributions to southwestern culture I am glad to see this volume.

The title says it all: How Latinos became Americans (they were always Americans in Spanish, but not supposedly in the "American" (as in US) sense of the word. I LOVE this book (and I have not yet finished it) but I have learned so much already! Nuggets of information that I never even imagined and many of which happened not too far away from where I live. It is written in a manner that educates as well as entertains and makes one want to delve deeper. One fact that amazes me is that Isabel de Tolosa was the grand-daughter of Hernán Cortés and the great grand-daughter of Moctezuma, which demonstrates just how Cortés took advantage of the people he "conquered." A perfect example of the blend that is LatinoAmerica, like it or not. Get the book and the DVD of the PBS program and settle down to appreciate some facts that will blow your mind! I purchased both!

Attention text book publishers! It's way past time to rewrite and correct the worn out, prejudiced, short-sighted version of U.S. history that's been foisted on young (and old) American minds since the star-spangled banner had only thirteen stars. Drop everything and get a copy of this book now. or remain naive and ill-informed as to how we got to be what we are.

well written and well researched....a must read for those wanting to know the way our country is going in terms of the ,multicultural aspect of a new and changing society...

Can't wait for Christmas break to get into this book. Our family has been a long-time follower of Ray

Suarez and we were excited to learn that he had written such a timely book. I listened to his interview on NPR with Bob Edwards and promptly decided to purchase this book. I have read snippets and look forward to more.

Thoughtful insight to a Latinos perspective of our nation as it stands today. I am impressed with his confidence and optimism in the future. We Latinos rear our children with love, strength and motivation to maintain our families and improve our status in society. We will make a positive difference.

Ray Suarez points out much of the history of Latino culture and immigration that has shaped our Nation which we may never have been taught in school. It should be required reading in all schools.

I first got this book from the public library and than had to buy it. It was a great source of information that I never learned in public school

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