Editor's Picks

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THE SEARCH FOR A CIVIC VOICE: California Latino Politics

The role of Latinos in American politics has garnered the attention of various interlocutors now that they passed African-Americans as the nation’s largest minority. As a group, Latinos are perhaps the most complex and diverse of any “minority” defying even national origin as a common denominator. Written in a lucid, non-academic style, The Search for a Civic Voice is a refreshing throwback to when histories were not only meant to be informative but dramatic and entertaining. It far exceeds its promise to be a compilation of political “first.” It offers a non-partisan and almost self-consciously neutral presentation of the evolution of the Latino electorate from 1939 to the election of Antonio Villaraigosa as Mayor of Los Angeles in 2005.

THE INFERNO: A Story of Terror and Survival in Chile

As a member of Salvador Allende’s Personal Guards (GAP), Luz Arce worked with leaders of the socialist Party during the Popular Unity Government from 1971 to 1973. In the months following the coup, Arce, with others from the Left, opposed the military led by Augusto Pinochet, which controlled the country from 1973 to 1990. Along with thousands of others, Arce was detained and tortured by Chile’s military intelligence service, the DINA, in their attempt to eliminate alternative voices and ideologies in the country. Arce’s testimonial offers the harrowing story of the abuse she suffered and witnessed as a survivor of detention camps.

THE PINOCHET FILE: A Declassified Dossier on Atrocity and Accountability

Peter Kornbluh, director of the National Security Archive’s Chile Documentation Project, led the campaign for the declassification of some 24,000 secret CIA, White House, NSC, and Defense Department records on Chile. The paperback edition includes new information and documents released since the hardcover went to press. This material is incorporated into a powerful retelling of the events that Newsweek magazine called “a remarkable reconstruction of the secret U.S. foreign policy that transformed Chile into a dictatorship.”

WHEN I LOOK INTO THE MIRROR AND SEE YOU: Women, Terror, and Resistance
Margaret Randall. Rutgers University, 2003.

Through direct testimony, vivid historical narrative, and evocative photographs, Margaret Randall brings us the terror, resistance, and survival of María Suárez Toro and Nora Miselem. The book details the abuses suffered by them, the ruses they used to foil their captors, the support that they gave each other while incarcerated, the things they did to achieve their release, and their attempts to reconstruct their lives afterward. For the first time, Suárez and Miselem allowed themselves to explore the pain and trauma of their past. Randall has done the service of adding these remarkable voices to the global campaign to bring the world’s attention to women’s human rights.

Troublesome Border

"U.S. residents are largely unaware that Mexicans also view their northern border with concern, and at times even alarm. Border communities, such as Ciudad Juárez and Tijuana, have long been subjected to heavy criticism from Mexico City and other interior areas for their close ties to the U.S., a country viewed with suspicion by the Mexican citizenry." In this new edition, Troublesome Border has been updated and revised to cover migration and drugs, including the extraordinary rise of violence traced largely to the rampant illegal drug trade; the devastating effects of U.S. Border Patrol "blockades" that have resulted in thousands of deaths; and the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
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WE TOOK THE STREETS: Fighting for Latino Rights with the Young Lords

Joining with other like-minded student activists, Melendez helped from the central committee of the New York branch of the Young Lords, one of the most provocative and misunderstood radical groups to emerge during the 1960s. In this memoir, Melendez describes with unsparing eye of an insider the idealism, anger, and vitality of the Lords as they rose to become the most respected and powerful voice of Puerto Rican empowerment in the country.

LA REBELION DE LAS MADRES: Historia de las Madres de Plaza de Mayo Tomo I (1976-1983)

La rebelión de las Madres no sólo relata la gesta de uno de los más singulares movimientos de mujeres de la Argentina y del mundo frente a la dictadura militar instalada con el golpe de Estado de 1976. Al tiempo que reconstruye de modo exhaustivo la historia de las Madres de Plaza de Mayo, investiga las causas del genocidio, en el contexto nacional e internacional. Quiénes, cómo y por qué decidieron el aniquilamiento de miles de argentinos y su desaparición forzada. La impunidad, las complicidades y el silencio social. La crisis y derrota de las distintas vertientes de la izquierda.

AMERICAN DREAMING, GLOBAL REALITIES: Rethinking U.S. Immigration History

Representing a selection of the finest new research on immigration, this collection of essays explores the ways in which immigrant lives and those of their children are shaped by transnational bonds, globalization, family ties, and personal choice, and the ways in which they engender a sense of belonging and a sense of themselves as “Americans.” This history reveals resistance and accommodation, both persistent older traditions and Americanization, plus the creation of new cultural forms blending old and new.