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# Americas: The Changing Face Of Latin America And The Caribbean, 3rd Edition



## Synopsis

Stunning in its sweep, *Americas* is the most authoritative history available of contemporary Latin America and the Caribbean. From Mexico to Tierra del Fuego, and from Cuba to Trinidad and Tobago, *Americas* examines the historical, demographic, political, social, cultural, religious, and economic trends in the region. For this new edition Peter Winn has provided a new preface and made revisions throughout to include the most up-to-date information on changes and developments in Latin America since the last revised edition of 1999.

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Balanced and wide-ranging, this companion volume to a PBS TV series uses a thematic rather than an encyclopedic approach to examine the 33 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. Winn, the academic director of the series and professor of history at Tufts University, ably integrates the PBS team's reportage with current scholarship in seven disciplines, ranging from anthropology to economics to sociology. After canvassing the legacies of the European conquerors, Winn examines issues of national identity and economic development by focusing on Argentina. He looks also at the uneven results of development under the Brazilian military. Other discussions survey internal migration, the role of indigenous peoples, the complexity of race relations and the treatment of women. Concluding chapters address U.S. influence in the region, the history and future of revolution there and, briefly, Latin American influence in the U.S. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Written to accompany a television series and college telecourse to be broadcast on PBS this January, *Americas* is a fairly frantic jump from high spot to high spot through the history to date of Latin America and the Caribbean. Winn, a professor of history at Tufts and the academic director of the series, offers analyses of, among other subjects, the role of women, the influence of the Catholic church, the growing power of the evangelical and spiritualist sects, the three important Latin American revolutions (Mexico in the 1910s, Cuba in 1959, and Nicaragua in 1970), Argentina during the Peron era, and the changing role of indigenous people. The final effect of these essays is a remarkably readable overview of the similarities and differences among the 33 Latin American countries, including the United States and its Hispanic population. Recommended for all public and secondary school libraries and junior colleges.- Nancy Padgett Lazar, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

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For a subject that covers over 40 countries histories I give this book a very high rating as it does an excellent job in providing the reader with a very fluid look at Latin America. This was the text book assigned for my Modern Latin America class and it did its job very well. Peter Winn is did a great job on this and should be commended for covering Colonial Latin America history in a little over 20 pages. A feat in itself, he was able to cover the high lights of a time period in history that spans centuries.

It's a good book and very informative about Latin American history

Most inhabitants of the US and Canada have, in reality, only a vague notion of the history of Latin America, of the rest of this hemisphere. And that's a shame, because there's a lot to be learned here. The book reviews the history of a number of countries and regions, and does a pretty good job at it. It's obviously not the most in-depth treatment; the subject is too broad to allow that. But neither does it gloss over key events and concepts; it's long enough to be able to hit the high points. If you have an interest in the history of Latin America but don't have much of a foundation on which to start, this will give you an excellent beginning point.

Other than a torn cover, I am very happy with my purchase.

i was glad i found the book i needed for my class but i wish that the shipping could have been

sooner as i fell a little behind in class but managed to catch up thanks to the book.

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