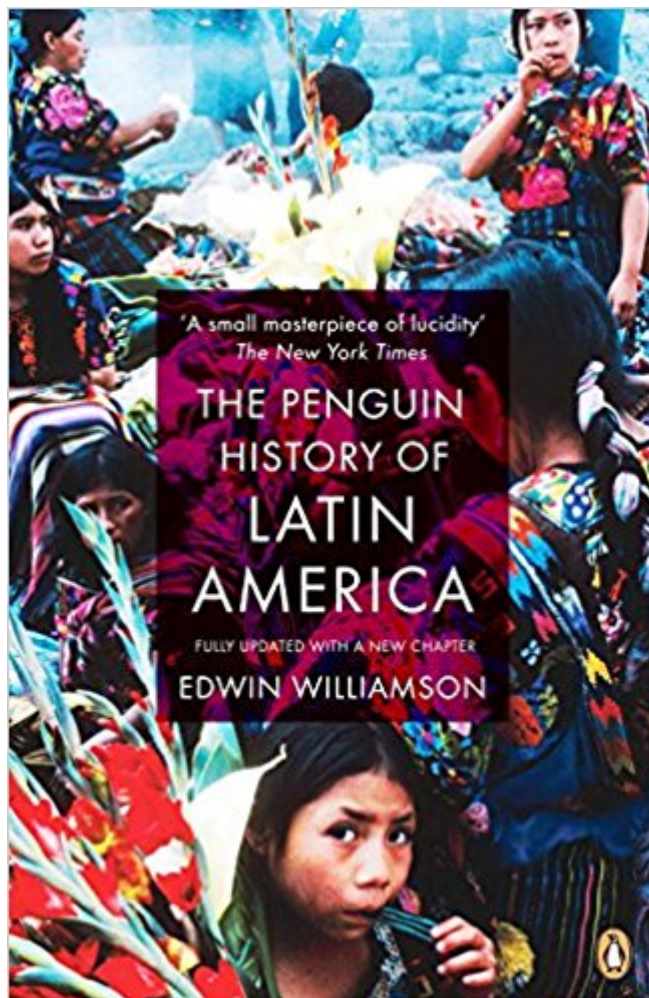


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Penguin has contributed numerous useful works in its Latin American series, and this comprehensive, historical survey of the region is no exception. Williamson (Univ. of Edinburgh) has accomplished a nearly impossible task: He has produced a lucid, objective interpretation for the nonspecialist reader. The book is organized topically, rather than by country, and the author wisely selected regional examples of his major themes, rather than attempting a detailed analysis of each country. The work ends with an unusual exploration of literature and culture in relation to identity and modernization, followed by a helpful bibliographic essay. Highly recommended for most libraries.- Roderic A. Camp, Latin American Ctr., Tulane Univ., New Orleans, La. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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An outstanding achievement. This history is valuable and unusual first for the extensive coverage of Latin America before the European arrival and secondly for the detail of the Spanish and Portuguese history that explains so much of the Columbus to Independence centuries. I was disappointed in the chapters on the twentieth century-they seemed to bog down in detail without structure. There is a shocking factual error in the chapter about the conflict in Central America in the 70s-80s-the author describes in detail the fictional assassination of Archbishop Romero on the steps of his cathedral, an event in films but not in life where he was shot saying mass in a hospital chapel. The kindle edition of this book has many errors of spelling, grammar, and incomplete sentences, not quite something on every page, but close.

Excellent product and excellent seller, a real asset for

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the book is excellent in telling the history of Latin America, the reader could base an opinions about why things are done in Latin America because the reader will have a historical background that will explain things.

Excellent

good for my class

Since the history of Latin America is so intriguing, I was expecting this book to be a bit more intriguing. It is a very broad-brush book; a little more anecdotal and personal stories could help flesh it out a bit. But it does give excellent insight and precise analysis into the how's and why's of why Latin America is the way it is today, and that has increased my understanding of the Latin culture tremendously.

This was a required textbook for two of our sons. Since both of them regularly elaborated on the material with others outside of the classroom, I would say well written and historically influencing to how we are currently being influenced by the Latin American history. This is one textbook they both decided to keep for further referencing.

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