





The Caribbean and Latin America

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The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children's, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

CARIBBEAN

Winward Islands

by Lisa Kozleski

J INFO 972.97 KOZ

This book explores the people, culture, economy, and geography of the Winward Islands: St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Martinique, & Dominica. 63 pages

Leeward Islands

by Lisa Kozleski

J INFO 972.97 KOZ

This book explores the people, culture, economy, and geography of the Leeward Islands: Anguilla, St. Martin, St. Barts, St. Eustatius, Guadeloupe, St. Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, and Montserrat, located in the eastern Caribbean Sea. 63 pages

River Sing Me Home

by Eleanor Shearer

F SHEARER

Rachel runs away and begins a desperate search to find her children. She is driven on by the certainty that a mother cannot be truly free without knowing what has become of her children, even if the answer is more than she can bear. 322 pages

Kemosha of the Caribbean

by Alex Wheatle

YA F WHEATLE

In 1668, a young Jamaican girl, Kemosha, secures her freedom from enslavement and finds her true self while sailing to Panama with the legendary Captain Morgan. 293 pages

The Whydah

by Martin W. Sandler

YA 910.452 SAN

Describes what happened when a slave ship packed with plunder was captured by pirates in 1717 then sunk by a brutal storm. Tells the story of the 1984 expedition to locate the wreck and what was uncovered. 170 pages

Caribbean Paleo

by Aletha Brown

641.597 BRO

Take a culinary trip to the Caribbean with Althea Brown's lick-your-bowl-good dishes that are free from gluten, dairy and refined sugar. Althea highlights favorite dishes from her childhood in Guyana as well as recipes from Jamaica, Trinidad and more—all of which are full of bold flavors and fresh ingredients. 167 pages

Island People

by Joshua Jelly-Schapiro

972.9 JEL

A masterwork of travel literature and of history: voyaging from Cuba to Jamaica, Puerto Rico to Trinidad, Haiti to Barbados, and islands in between. 451 pages

A Brief History of the Caribbean

by Jan Rogoziński

972.9 ROG

Traces the events that have shaped the history of the Caribbean islands in the five hundred years since the arrival of Columbus. 415 pages

The World Is Yours

by TMW Media Group

DVD NF 917.2904 WOR

This program digs into the natural habitat, history, culture and traditions of the Caribbean Islands, including Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Grenada, Barbados & Martinique and The Bahamas. 37 minutes

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Antigua and Barbuda

by Sara Louise Kras

J INFO 972.974 KRA

Provides comprehensive information on the geography, history, governmental structure, economy, cultural diversity, peoples, religion, and culture of the Antigua and Barbuda. 144 pages

Annie John

by Jamaica Kincaid

F KINCAID

This is a magical coming-of-age tale, ripe with the special ambience of its tropical setting and young Annie's awareness of the world around her. 148 pages

THE BAHAMAS

Green Boy

by Susan Cooper

J F COOPER

Twelve-year-old Trey and his seven-year-old brother Lou, who does not speak, cross the barrier between two worlds, that of their island in the Bahamas, and a land called Pangaia, and play a mysterious role in restoring the natural environment in both places. 195 pages

The Bahamas

by Martin Hintz

J INFO 972.96 HIN

Describes the Bahamas' geography, wildlife, history, government, economy, people, religion, and culture. 144 pages

The Republic of Pirates

by Colin Woodard

910.45 WOO

Describes how a group of powerful pirate captains joined forces to create a powerful den of thieves, which led to a distinctive form of democracy in the Bahamas. 383 pages

BARBADOS

Josephine Against the Sea

by Shakirah Bourne

J F BOURNE

When she discovers her father's new girlfriend, Mariss, is actually a sea creature, Josephine must convince her friends to help her and use her cricket skills to save her dad from Mariss' clutches. 293 pages

Barbados

by Marie Louise Elias

J INFO 972.981 ELI

Provides information on the geography, history, wildlife, economy, peoples, and culture of Barbados. 144 pages

How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House

by Cherie Jones

F JONES

Lala must deal with a chain of events that have terrible consequences when her petty criminal husband is interrupted in his attempt to rob one of the mansions in Baxter Beach, Barbados. 278 pages

CUBA

Wings in the Wild

by Margarita Engle

YA F ENGLE

When a hurricane exposes Soleida's family's secret sculpture garden, the Cuban government arrests her artist parents, forcing her to escape alone to Central America where she meets Dariel, a Cuban American boy, and

Cuba

by David K. Wright

YA 972.91 WRI

Explores both historical and cultural aspects of Cuba. 144 pages

Cuba Libre!

by Tony Perrottet

YA 972.9106 PER

Tony Perrottet explores the unexpected revolution where a small group of self-taught individuals, including college students and women, defeated 40,000 soldiers to overthrow dictator Fulgencio Batista. The book reveals details about key figures, American volunteers, and guerrilla tactics in this historic event. 367 pages

Enchanted Air

by Margarita Engle

YA BIO ENGLE

In this deeply moving memoir, Margarita Engle, the first Latina woman to receive a Newbery Honor, tells of growing up in Los Angeles as a child of two cultures during the hostilities between Cuba and the United States. 192 pages

DOMINICA

The Legend Of The Spirit Serpent

by Adaiah Sanford

J PICTURE SANFORD

This modern retelling of a traditional Kalinago legend from the Caribbean island of Dominica recounts the story of a huge serpent who once guarded the indigenous people. 40 pages

I Used to Live Here

by Miranda Seymour

BIO RHYS

Memories of Jean Rhys Caribbean girlhood haunt the four short and piercingly brilliant novels she wrote as an exile in 1920s Paris and London. Yet her own colorful life, including her early years on the Caribbean island of Dominica, remains too little explored, until now. 421 pages

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Family Lore

by Elizabeth Acevedo

YA F ACEVEDO

Sisters Matilde, Pastora, Camila, and Flor think they know each other well until Flor plans a living wake to celebrate her life. Though healthy, she can predict death, raising questions about her motives. Family Lore traces the lives of each of the Marte women and daughters in the three days leading up to the wake. 371 pages

Dominicana

by Angie Cruz

YA F CRUZ

Fifteen-year-old Ana Canción marries Juan Ruiz, who promises to take her to New York City, so her family can immigrate. In NYC, she feels lonely until Juan returns to the DR, allowing her to explore new opportunities with César, his brother. Ana then faces a choice between love and familial duty when Juan returns. 322 pages

Malicia

by Angie Cruz

YA F DOS SANTOS

On a stormy Halloween weekend, Ray asks his friends Joaquin, Sofia, and Isabella to help him make a documentary about Malicia, an abandoned theme park where his family was killed. Each friend has their own reasons for being there, leading to danger and betrayal. They must confront the storm and their inner fears, as well as an ancient evil on the island. 341 pages

Dominican Republic

by Lura Rogers Seavey

YA 972.93 ROG

Covers a variety of aspects of the Dominican Republic including history, government, and culture. 144 pages

GRENADA

Grenada

by Guek-Cheng Pang

J INFO 972.9845 PAN

Grenada is a Caribbean gem. It has rolling hills of vivid green, dense vegetation, and a tropical climate with impeccably clear waters. Called the Spice Isle, it also enjoys a reputation for producing rich and delicious spices-particularly nutmeg. This book introduces readers to Grenada, including its history, traditions, governmental structure, and celebrations, as well as its modern place in the twenty-first century. 144 pages

GUYANA

The Ghost Tree

by Natasha Deen

J F DEEN

When Asim moves to a new town, he must save his new teacher when an evil spirit from Guyanese folklore begins to wreak havoc. 95 pages

Blood on the River

by Marjoleine Kars

306.62 KAR

The story of a massive eighteenth-century slave rebellion in the Dutch colony of Berbice (now Guyana) which had been all but forgotten. Historian Marjoleine Kars recovers a riveting tale from the archives, including rare first-person accounts from African-born slaves. 362 pages

Guyana

by Marion Morrison

YA 988.1 MOR

Covers a variety of aspects of Guyana including history, government, and culture. 144 pages

HAITI

Ayiti

by Roxane Gay

F GAY

Clever and haunting by turns, Ayiti explores the Haitian diaspora experience with these short stories. 173 pages

Haitian Vodou

by Mambo Chita Tann

299.675 TAN

Haitian Vodou is a fascinating spiritual tradition rich with ceremonies and magic, songs and prayers, dances and fellowship. Yet outside of Haiti, next to no one understands this joyous and profound way of life. 239 pages

Haiti

by Jean Blashfield

YA 972.94 BLA

Presents the geography, climate, wildlife, history, culture, economy, government, and people of Haiti. 144 pages

The Common Wind

by Julius Scott

972.9403 SCO

Scott explores emancipation rumors and key figures in the Haitian slave revolution. He details conflicts involving buccaneers, deserters, and maroon communards, providing readers with an intellectual history of the enslaved. 246 pages

JAMAICA

Hurricane Summer

by Asha Bromfield

YA F BROMFIEL

While visiting her father who lives in Jamaica, eighteen-year-old Tilla faces a storm of dark secrets that threaten to unravel her own life, while an actual storm, Hurricane Gustav, threatens the lives of those she loves. 376 pages

Your Dark Corner

by Desmond Hall

YA F HALL

Seventeen-year-old Frankie Green yearns to leave Jamaica and study in the United States, but when his father is shot he is forced to give up his scholarship and join his uncle Joe's gang. 373 pages

Jamaica

by Sean Sheehan

YA 972.92 SHE

A look at the land and the people of Jamaica, including its geography, history, government, economy, culture, food, religion and lifestyle. 144 pages

Funny Gyal

by Angeline Jackson

YA BIO JACKSON

Chronicles how Angeline's faith deepens as a teenager, despite the strict Christian Jamaican society in which she lives, giving her the courage to challenge gender violence, rape culture, and oppression. 144 pages

PUERTO RICO

Five Midnights

by Ann Dávila Cardinal

YA F CARDINAL

If Lupe and Javier can survive each other's company, they can solve a series of grisly murders sweeping through Puerto Rico. But the clues lead them out of the real world and into the realm of myths and legends. 287 pages

Badass(ish)

by Jaymie Heilman

YA F HEILMAN

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Blazewrath Games

by Amparo Ortiz

YA F ORTIZ

Lana Torres prefers dragons over people. Sixteen countries will compete in the Blazewrath World Cup where dragons and their riders fight in a relay. She wants to represent Puerto Rico in their first World Cup. After a player is removed, she gets a chance. However, a former star and a cursed dragon threaten the Cup's safety, forcing Lana to tackle a dangerous conspiracy. 357 pages

Puerto Rico in Pictures

by Linda Tagliaferro

YA 972.95 TAG

Caught in a struggle between gaining statehood or remaining a commonwealth, Puerto Rico's leaders seek to maintain the tropical island's cultural identity. 80 pages

SAINT LUCIA

The Field

by Baptiste Paul

J PICTURE PAUL BAPTISTE

Children form teams, build a pitch, and play a joyous game of soccer, in a book with English and Creole (as spoken in Saint Lucia) vocabulary words. 32 pages

To Carnival!

by Baptiste Paul

J PICTURE PAUL BAPTISTE

The sights, sounds and tastes of vibrant Saint Lucia come to life in this cumulative #OwnVoices tale of a girl's journey to Carnival. 32 pages

Saint Lucia

by Tamra Orr

J INFO 972.984 ORR

Provides comprehensive information on the geography, history, governmental structure, economy, cultural diversity, peoples, religion, and culture of the St. Lucia. 144 pages

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Trinidad and Tobago

by Jui Lin Yong

J INFO 972.983 YON

Trinidad and Tobago are two tropical islands located off the northern coast of Venezuela in the Caribbean Sea, but together they make one nation. Through this detailed text, readers explore many aspects of this country, such as its history, geography, lifestyle, language, festivals, and food. 144 pages

When We Were Birds

by Ayanna Banwo

F BANWO

After following her mother to the US to pursue economic opportunities, one woman must come to terms with the ways that systematic racism and trauma keep the American Dream inaccessible to Black people. 292 pages

Where the Rhythm Takes You

by Sarah Dass

YA F DASS

Reyna has spent most of her life working at her family's gorgeous seaside resort in Tobago. But what once was paradise is now purgatory when her ex-boyfriend returns as a VIP guest, now a famous musician. 335 pages

Black American Refugee

by Tiffanie Drayton

BIO DRAYTON

After following her mother to the US to pursue economic opportunities, one woman must come to terms with the ways that systematic racism and trauma keep the American Dream inaccessible to Black people. 294 pages

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Hurricane Child

by Kacen Callender

J F CALLENDE

Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, which is considered bad luck, 12-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl. Together, they set out in a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother. 214 pages

The Lizard Lady

by Jennifer Curtis

J INFO 333.957 CUR

Join the Lizard Lady as she cuts her way through thick Caribbean forests searching for critically endangered St. Croix ground lizards. Hunted to extinction on the island of St. Croix by invasive species brought by colonizing farmers, these lizards are now only found on surrounding islands in the US Virgin Islands. 32 pages

Monster in the Middle

by Tiphonie Yanique

F YANIQUE

Vibrant and riveting, Monster in the Middle moves across time to show how one couple's romance is intrinsically influenced by the family lore and love stories that preceded their own pairing. 267 pages

The Lesson

by Cadwell Turnbull

SCI FI TURNBULL

For years the people of the US Virgin Islands have lived with the Ynaa, a race of super advanced aliens. After the death of a young boy, three families find themselves in the heart of the inevitable conflict. 286 pages

LATIN AMERICA

Charlie Hernández & the League of Shadows

by Ryan Calejo

J F CALEJO

Middle schooler Charlie Hernández learns the historic stories are true when he grows horns and feathers and finds himself at the heart of a battle to save the world and his missing parents. 330 pages

Relit: 16 Latinx Remixes of Classic Stories

by Sandra Proudman

YA F STORIES RELIT

In classic stories remixed, Latinx characters take center stage. Whether characters fall in love, battle foes, or grow through grief, each story will empower readers to see themselves as the heroes of the stories that make our world. 338 pages

Codex Black

by Camilo Moncada Lozano

YA COMICS LOZANO

Navigate through monsters, mysteries, and the will of the gods with Donají, a fearless 15-year-old Zapotec girl, and 17-year-old winged Mexica warrior, Itzcacalotl, in fifteenth-century Mesoamerica as they search for her missing father. The search brings the young pair closer to danger and deeper into mystery than either could have predicted. 319 pages

South and Meso-American Mythology A to Z

by Ann Bingham

YA 299.8113 BIN

This volume covers the myths of the great Inca, Maya, and Aztec empires, as well as the stories of other, lesser-known but equally important cultures, such as the Olmec. 142 pages

A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies

by Bartolomé de las Casas

323.1198 CAS

An exposé of wholesale slaughter, torture and slavery in the New World written to alert the Castilian Crown of the atrocities and demand that the Indians be entitled to the basic rights of humankind. 143 pages

Latin American Folktales

by John Bierhorst

398.2089 LATIN AMERICA LAT

The first panoramic anthology of Hispano-American folk narratives, this core collection gathers one hundred tales arranged in the form of a "velorio," or wake. The tales are preceded by a selection of early Colonial legends foreshadowing the themes of Latino folklore, followed by modern Indian myths, riddles, chain riddles, and folk prayers. 386 pages

Wild Chocolate

by Rowan Jacobson

583.775 JAC

From James Beard Award-winner Rowan Jacobsen, the thrilling story of the farmers, activists, and chocolate makers fighting all odds to revive ancient cacao and produce the world's finest bar. Full of vivid characters, vibrant landscapes, and surprising history, Wild Chocolate promises to be as rich, complex, and addictive as good chocolate itself. 275 pages

Lost Worlds

by Arthur Drooker

779.997 DRO

This collection portrays the architectural, geographic and historical significance of ruins throughout the Americas that are considered world wonders. Included are monumental temples of Mexico's Mayan civilization, a Colonial era palace on the island of Haiti, earthquake-ravaged cathedrals in Guatemala, and astonishing Incan citadels in Peru's Sacred Valley -- culminating with the breathtaking beauty of Machu Picchu. 160 pages

NORTH AMERICA

MEXICO

The Prince & The Coyote

by David Bowles

YA BOWLES

Fifteen-year-old crown prince Acolmiztli wants his city-state Tetzco to prosper. After his father is killed, he hides in the wilderness and takes the name Nezahualcoyotl, Neza for short, after a coyote helps him find his way in the wilderness. He must form alliances, protect his exiled mother and siblings, and navigate love while facing danger from his uncle. 425 pages

Frontera

by Julio Anta

YA COMICS ANTA

Mateo believes he can survive crossing the Sonoran Desert from Mexico to the United States if he stays smart and alert. However, after being caught by the Border Patrol, he finds himself lost in the desert without water. His only hope may depend on a ghost named Guillermo, who aids migrants. Mateo must decide what he is willing to sacrifice to reach home while facing dangers from the desert and patrols. 240 pages

Feathered Serpent, Dark Heart of Sky

by David Bowles

YA 398.2097 BOW

These stories trace the history of the world from its beginnings in the dreams of the dual god, Omoteotl, to the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors in Mexico and the fall of the great city Tenochtitlan. 300 pages

Mi Cocina

by Rick Martínez

641.5972 MAR

In Mi Cocina, Rick travels to each of the seven regions in Mexico to explore 100 unique dishes, the recipe for each accompanied by stunning on-site photography. 303 pages

Mexico

by Stein R. Conrad

YA 972 STE

Describes the climate, geography, history, culture, economy, and people of Mexico. 144 pages

Someone Like Me

by Julissa Arce

YA BIO ARCE

A true story by social justice advocate Julissa Arce details her experiences growing up undocumented in Texas after moving from Mexico. Despite secretly living as an undocumented immigrant, she became a scholarship winner, honors college graduate, went on to become a vice president at Goldman Sachs. 300 pages

CENTRAL AMERICA

The Other Side

by Juan Pablo Villalobos

YA 305.235 VIL

Every year thousands of children and teens cross the U.S.-Mexico border. The journey is treacherous and sometimes deadly, but worth the risk for migrants who are escaping violence and poverty. 147 pages

Unaccompanied: Stories of Brave Teenagers Seeking Asylum

by Tracey White

YA COMICS 362.7791 WHI

The true stories of five brave teens fleeing their home countries of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Guinea, on their own, traveling through unknown and unfriendly places, and ultimately crossing into the US to find refuge and seek asylum. 168 pages

Mesoamerica's Ancient Cities

by William Ferguson

972.0102 FER

William Ferguson's classic photography showcases major pre-Columbian ruins in Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras. It features fifty-one ancient cities with restored areas and highlights the cultures of Mesoamerica from 1500 B. C. to A. D. 1500. 260 pages

Central America's Forgotten History

by Aviva Chomsky

972.8 CHO

Places Central American migration to the United States in the context of the region's history of conquest, colonialism, revolution, and neoliberalism, looking especially at the revolutionary experiments of the 1980s and their aftermath. 294 pages

The World Is Yours: Mexico & Central America

by TMW Media Group

DVD NF 917.204 WOR

In this program we'll travel to Panama, Cancun, Belize, Yucatan Peninsula, Curacao & Costa Rica. 37 minutes

BELIZE

The Actual Star

by Monica Byrne

SCI FI BYRNE

Braided together are the stories of teenage twins who ascend to a Mayan throne, an American woman on a self-discovery trip in Belize, and two dangerous charismatics vying for the leadership of a new religion. 608 pages

Belize

by Debra A. Miller

YA 972.82 MIL

This book describes Belize's natural riches and culture, and explains its struggle to achieve independence, develop its economy, provide for its people, and protect its environment. 112 pages

The Fallen Stones

by Diana Marcum

BIO MARCUM

On a butterfly farm in the Maya Mountains in Belize's rainforest, Diana Marcum, a journalist finds hope during tough times. She turns a bad vacation into a chance to learn about this unique wildlife sanctuary. Their story unfolds amid the challenges of a hurricane and a pandemic while emphasizing the beauty of nature. 205 pages

COSTA RICA

Hide and Seek

by Kate Messner

J MESSNER SILVER J

For five hundred years the Jaguar Cup, sacred to the Silver Jaguar Society, was hidden in a cave on the coast of Costa Rica--so when a fake copy shows up on display in America, it is up to José, Anna, and Henry, junior members of the society, to travel to Costa Rica and rescue the real cup from thieves. 240 pages

Handle with Care

by Loree Griffin Burns

J INFO 595.789 BUR

On a farm in Costa Rica, workers care for these delicate, winged creatures as they change from eggs to caterpillars to pupae. To discover how it works, follow these butterflies on a remarkable journey! 33 pages

Saints of the Household

by Ari Tison

YA F TISON

When brothers Max and Jay help a classmate in trouble, they struggle with the consequences of their violent actions and worry they may be more like their abusive father than they thought, so the brothers turn to their Bribri roots to find their way forward. 312 pages

Costa Rica

by Marion Morrison

YA 972.86 MOR

Describes the geography, people, government, culture, history, religion, economy, and wildlife of Costa Rica. 142 pages

EL SALVADOR

The Grief Keeper

by Alexandra Villasante

YA F VILLASAN

After escaping a detention center at the U.S. border, Marisol agrees to participate in a medical experiment hoping to keep her and her younger sister, Gabi, from being deported to El Salvador. 310 pages

Just Another Story

by Ernesto Saade

YA COMICS 305.9069 SAA

When Carlos was nineteen years old, his mother decided to leave her life in El Salvador for a new start in the United States. Reluctant to follow, but unwilling to let his mother go without him, Carlos joined her on the journey north. During their trip through Mexico and into the US, they experienced the risks and fears countless people from Central American countries have faced while migrating to different lands. 216 pages

El Salvador

by Marion Morrison

YA 972.84 MOR

Describes the geography, history, culture, religion, and people of El Salvador. 144 pages

The Far Away Brothers

by Lauren Markham

YA 979.466 MAR

Identical twins Ernesto and Raul Flores, 17, must flee El Salvador, make a harrowing journey across the Rio Grande and the Texas desert, face capture by immigration authorities, and struggle to navigate life in America. 265 pages

GUATEMALA

We are Not from Here

by Jenny Torres Sanchez

YA F SANCHEZ

When threats in their town become all too real, a trio of teens know they have no choice but to run: from their country, from their families, from their beloved home. 348 pages

Where I Belong

by Marcia Argueta Mickelson

YA F MICKELSO

Guatemalan-American high school senior Millie Vargas struggles to balance her family's needs with her own ambitions, especially after her mother's employer, a Senate candidate, uses Millie as a poster child for 'deserving' immigrants. 258 pages

Mayan Folktales

by James D. Sexton

398.2097 CENTRAL

A collection of 35 folktales from Guatemala which transport the reader to the haunting stories of witches and shamans, spiritualists and apies. These stories are educational, mysterious, wise, and funny. 299 pages

Guatemala

by Marion Morrison

YA 972.81 MOR

Describes the geography history culture industry and people of Guatemala. 144 pages

HONDURAS

Miss Quinces

by Kat Fajardo

J COMICS FAJARDO

Sue's family trip to Honduras a turn for the worse when her mother announces they'll be having a surprise quinceañera, which is the last thing she wants. How will she survive with her rambunctious family? 234 pages

Libertad

by Bessie Flores Zaldívar

YA F ZALDIVAR

Set during the controversial 2017 Honduran presidential election, seventeen-year-old Libertad finds purpose writing political poetry as she navigates her sexuality and concerns for her activist brother's safety. 417 pages

↓ Enrique's Journey

by Sonia Nazario

305.2308 NAZ

Documents the journey of a Honduran teen who braved hardship and peril to reunite with his mother after she was forced to leave him behind and seek migratory work in the United States. 273 pages

Honduras

by Sara Louise Kras

YA 972.83 KRA

Describes the geography history culture industry and people of Honduras. 144 pages

NICARAGUA

For Brown Girls with Sharp Edges and Tender Hearts

by Prisca Dorcas Mojica Rodríguez

305.488 MOJ

Women of color have faced sexism, racism, and classism alone for generations. Prisca Mojica Rodríguez created community through her activism and writing. Her book addresses survival and pride for Brown girls. It defines challenges like imposter syndrome and internalized racism, offering new ways to confront them. The book serves as a manifesto and love letter, empowering women to speak up and create change. 256 pages

Nicaragua

by Debra A. Miller

YA 972.85 MIL

Presents a broad, comprehensive overview of Nicaragua, including history, geography and culture. 112 pages

↻ ↓ The Lost City of the Monkey God

by Douglas Preston

972.85 PRE

Preston takes readers on an adventure deep into the Honduran and Nicaraguan jungle in this riveting, danger-filled true story about the discovery of an ancient lost civilization. 326 pages

PANAMA

↻ The Great Divide

by Cristina Henríquez

F HENRIQUE

A novel about the construction of the Panama Canal, following the intersecting lives of the local families fighting to protect their homeland, the West Indian laborers recruited to dig the waterway, and the white Americans who gained profit and glory for themselves. 321 pages

Panama

by David M. Armstrong

YA 972.87 ARM

Discusses the geography, history, people, and culture of Panama, as well as the country's current challenges. 112 pages

The Path Between the Seas

by David G. McCullough

972.875 MCC

After the French flee from their canal attempt due to Panama's tropical diseases and torrential rains, John Stevens jumpstarts U.S. efforts to eradicate mosquitoes and redesign the railroad system. 698 pages

Panama & Colombia

by Megan McCormick

DVD NF 917.987 PAN

Megan McCormick visits Panama's lively capital and the Panama Canal. Her journey continues in Colombia's capital Bogota, the historic city of Cartagena and ends in the town of Santa Marta where she treks into the jungle in search of a Lost City. 60 minutes

SOUTH AMERICA

Pathways Through South America

by Heather C. Hudack

J INFO 304.209 HUD

This fantastic journey through the continent of South America helps show how humans affect, and are affected by, the environments in which they live. Readers will gain an understanding of the continent's various landforms, resources, and human activities. Examples featured include walking along the Inca Trail in Peru, riding a cable car in Bolivia, and taking a water taxi in Suriname. 32 pages

Life and Death in the Andes

by Kim MacQuarrie

980 MAC

The ruins and tombs in the Andes of Peru provide insights into the Ancient Incas. Shows how ancient treasures help scientists today to piece together the puzzle of the Inca's past. Includes Inca pottery, textiles, and the mummy called the Ice Maiden. 64 pages

National Geographic Investigates Ancient Inca

by Beth Gruber

985.01 GRU

The greatest stories of South America's history, from Butch Cassidy to Che Guevara to cocaine king Pablo Escobar to the last survivor of an Indian tribe, all of these stories set in the Andes Mountains. 427 pages

Empire of the Inca

by Barbara A. Somervill

YA 985.019 SOM

Explores the history and culture of the Incan civilization, highlighting the ideas and items that originated in the empire, such as potatoes and jerky, words from Quechua, and mobile military field hospitals. 128 pages

Natural Wonders of South America

by Barbara A. Somervill

DVD NF 980 NAT

Visit many wonders of South America such as Patagonia, Iguacu Falls, Galapagos and more. 37 minutes

ARGENTINA

Love in English

by Yamile Saied Méndez

YA F ANDREU

Sixteen-year-old Ana is a poet struggling to express herself after moving from Argentina to New Jersey. Initially wanting to go home, she meets Harrison, a charming American boy, and later Neo, a Greek Cypriot. This leads her to explore confusing feelings about love while learning English. 328 pages

Furia

by Yamile Saied Méndez

YA F MENDEZ

Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego. 357 pages

Food-related Stories

by Gaby Melian

YA 647.9509 MEL

Chef and activist Gaby Melian shares her personal journey with food--from growing up in Argentina to her time as a street vendor and later as Bon Appetit's test kitchen manager. Melian explores how we can develop a relationship with food that's personal, healthy, and thoughtful. 63 pages

Argentina

by Jean F. Blashfield

YA 982 BLA

As the eighth-largest country in the world, Argentina occupies an important position within South America. Learn about the nation's history and how its government and economy have changed over time. 144 pages

BOLIVIA

An Uninterrupted View of the Sky

by Melanie Crowder

YA F CROWDER

When their father is arrested on false charges, Francisco and Pilar move with him into a prison where everything has a price. Will they flee into the Andean highlands, or remain together in the dangerous prison? 289 pages

Bolivia

by Marguerite A. Kistler

YA 984 KIS

Facing challenges as diverse as its topography and culture, Bolivia strives to find balance between protecting its cultural and ecology while moving toward positive and sustainable economic and social progress. 112 pages

A Brief History of Bolivia

by Waltraud Q. Morales

984 MOR

Offering a concise history of Bolivia, this shows that major reform has occurred since ancient times. 288 pages

Destination Travel Guide: Bolivia

by Ian Wright

DVD NF 918.404 BOL

Ian Wright travels throughout Bolivia, including stops in La Paz, the salt flats of Uyuni, and a bike ride up the Andes. 60 minutes

BRAZIL

Pelé, the King of Soccer

by Eddy Simon

J COMICS BIO PELE

Pelé grew up in poverty, yet he dominated the youth leagues and signed his first professional soccer contract at the age of fifteen. Within two years he led Brazil to victory at the world cup. 139 pages

Bad at Love

by Gabriela Martins

YA F MARTINS

Daniel moves to L. A. from Brazil to join the band Mischief & Mayhem and becomes a tabloid sensation. While Sasha, who dislikes bad boys, wants to get close to him for a story, she finds herself falling for his charm. When she learns his secret, she faces a choice. 230 pages

This is Our Place

by Vitor Martins

YA F MARTINS

The house at Number 8 Sunflower Street tells the stories of three teens who have lived within its walls: a lesbian forced to leave, Greg after his parents' divorce, and Beto during the COVID pandemic. 308 pages

Brazil

by Ann Heinrichs

YA 981 HEI

A highly visual introduction to world geography. Packed with photos, original maps, and browser-friendly sidebars; timelines compare each country's history to world history. 144 pages

CHILE

The Dreamer

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

J F RYAN

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world. 372 pages

Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 feet below the Chilean Desert

by Marc Aronson

YA 363.119 ARO

After thirty-three miners are trapped in a copper-gold mine in Chile, experts from around the world came together to make their remarkable rescue possible. 134 pages

Chile

by Michael Burgan

YA 983 BUR

Photographs, maps, interactive sidebars, text, and Internet resources help students learn about the geography, history, government, culture, people, art, and daily life of Chile. 144 pages

Pumas: Legends of the Ice Mountains

by Dereck Joubert

DVD NF 599.7524 PUM

In a hidden realm at the end of the world, amidst the massive ice mountains of Chile's Torres del Paine National Park, condors soar, colorful caracaras keep a sharp eye out for prey, graceful guanacos roam, and vivid pink flamingos make a theatrical appearance. 55 minutes

COLOMBIA

The Immortal Boy

by Francisco Montaña Ibáñez

YA F IBANEZ

Two intertwining stories of Bogotá. One, a family of five children, left to live on their own. The other, a girl in an orphanage who will do anything to befriend the mysterious Immortal Boy. 147 pages

Colombia

by Marion Morrison

YA 986.1 MOR

Describes the geography, people, government, culture, history, economy, and wildlife of Colombia. 144 pages

Call Me Iggy

by Jorge Augusto Aguirre

YA COMICS AGUIRRE

Ignacio "Iggy" Garcia is a Colombian American teen from Ohio enjoying life until he meets Marisol, who is too busy with her own problems to notice him. As Iggy tries to win her over, he is guided by his ghostly grandfather, who gives terrible love advice. The worst. 245 pages

Taking Hold

by Francisco Jiménez

BIO JIMENEZ

In this fourth book in his award-winning memoir series, Francisco Jimenez leaves everything behind in California--a loving family, a devoted girlfriend, and the culture that shaped him-- to attend Columbia University in New York City. 191 apages

ECUADOR

The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina

by Laura Resau

YA F CORDOVA

The Montoya family does not question why the pantry is always full or why their matriarch stays at home for every occasion. When invited to Orquídea Divina's funeral to claim their inheritance, they hope to learn her secrets. Instead, they find more questions. Seven years later, Orquídea's gifts affect her descendants, but a hidden figure threatens their family. They travel to Ecuador to uncover her buried secrets. 324 pages

The Queen of Water

by Laura Resau

YA F RESAU

In her Andean village in Ecuador, it's not uncommon for Virginia, a Quechua Indian girl, to work in the fields all day, even as a child. At age seven, she is taken from her village to work as a servant for an upper-class mestizo couple and begins a journey to self-discovery. 352 pages

Ecuador

by JoAnn Milivojevic

YA 986.6 MIL

Photographs, maps, interactive sidebars, text, and Internet resources help students learn about the geography, history, government, culture, people, art, and daily life of Ecuador. 144 pages

Illegally Yours

by Rafael Agusin

BIO AGUSTIN

Rafa, an all-American high school student, discovers he is undocumented while trying to get his driver's license. His parents wanted him to feel normal, but this revelation disrupts his life. "Illegally Yours" explores Rafa's Ecuadorian family's struggles and resilience as undocumented immigrants. An exploration of race within the Latinx community revolves around the question-what does it mean to be American? 289 pages

GUYANA

Blood on the River

by Marjoleine Kars

306.362 KAR

Provides a rare in-depth look at the political vision of enslaved people and introduces us to a set of real characters, thousands of slaves in the Dutch colony of Berbice—in present-day Guyana. 362 pages

Guyana

by Marion Morrison

YA 988.1 MOR

Describes the geography history culture industry and people of Guyana. 144 pages

Wanted--Anaconda In Search Of One Of The World's Largest Snakes

by Marion Pöllmann

J DVD NF 597.96 WAN

Located in jungles of Guyana, near water, an anaconda can grow as big around as a grown man. These huge snakes kill prey by wrapping around them and squeezing until they suffocate or are crushed; then they open their jaw to swallow the whole victim. 47 minutes

PARAGUAY

Another Band's Treasure

by Hua Lin Xie

J COMICS XIE

In Paraguay, teacher Diego and carpenter Nicolas look to a nearby landfill and see instruments in the making, and soon, they are building what they need to begin music lessons for local children. 128 pages

Paraguay

by Byron Augustin

YA 989.2 AUG

Describes the geography history, culture, industry, and people of Paraguay. 144 pages

PERU

Valiant Ladies

by Melissa Grey

YA F GREY

In Potosí, a silver mining city in the new Spanish viceroyalty of Peru, two teen vigilantes set out to expose corruption and deliver justice after Kiki's brother is murdered and the prostitute he loved disappears. 370 pages

Peru

by Marion Morrison

YA 985 MOR

Discusses the geography and climate, history, wildlife, economy, government, people, religion, and culture of Peru. 144 pages

Peru in Pictures

by Daniela Völker

YA 985.065 MAR

Introduces through text and photographs the land, history, government, people, and economy of the third largest country in South America. 80 pages

Nazca Desert Mystery

by Herón Márquez

DVD NF 985.27 NAZ

One of the world's greatest ancient enigmas, the Nazca lines are a dense network of criss-crossing lines, geometric shapes, and animal figures etched across 200 square miles of Peruvian desert. Who created them and why? 55 minutes

SURINAME

The Boy Between Worlds

by Annejet van der Zijl

BIO NODS

Rika and Waldemar could not have been more different. The child they have together, brown skinned and blue eyed, brings the couple great joy until the Nazi occupation. Through the cruelty of World War II, he will fight for a connection between his father's South American birthplace and his mother's European traditions. 206 pages

URUGUAY

José Speaks Out

by José Alberto Mujica Cordano

J INFO 989.506 WOR

José Mujica, a former Uruguayan president and climate activist, criticized the economy and consumerism in his 2013 UN speech. He advocates for a world without borders, governing ourselves as a species and focusing on equality and relationships. 61 pages

Cantoras

by Carolina De Robertis

F DE ROBERT

In 1977 Uruguay, a military government violently suppresses dissent, making homosexuality dangerous. Despite this, five women, cantoras, find refuge at Cabo Polonio, claiming it as their sanctuary. They navigate their lives between this place and Montevideo, facing challenges from families, lovers, and society as they strive for authenticity. 317 pages

Uruguay

by Marion Morrison

YA 989.5 MOR

Discusses the geography and climate, history, wildlife, economy, government, people, religion, and culture of Uruguay. 144 pages

Globe Trekker

by Holly Morris

DVD BF 918.9 GLO

Two South American countries share a similar name, but couldn't be more different. In Uruguay's capital Montevideo, Holly discovers its colonial Spanish history and charm and tries the local cuisine. She travels to the beach to get a taste of the annual carnival festivities. In Paraguay, Holly heads to its capital Asuncion to learn about its colonial and political past, before going to the Jesuit mission ruins in Trinidad. 60 minutes

VENEZUELA

Doña Barbara

by Rómulo Gallegos

F GALLEGOS

Doña Barbara is a beautiful and mysterious woman with a ferocious power over men-- it's even rumored she's a witch. She owns a ranch, the Altimara, but must struggle constantly to keep it. When her cousin Santos Luzardo returns to the plains in order to reclaim his land and cattle, he reluctantly faces off against Doña Barbara, and their battle becomes simultaneously one of violence and seduction. 440 pages

The Witch's Dream

by Florinda Donner-Grau

133.4309 DON

This is the account of Donner-Grau's experiences with Doña Mercedes, an aged healer in a remote Venezuelan town known for its spiritualists, sorcerers, and mediums. 287 pages

Venezuela

by Terri Willis

YA 987 WIL

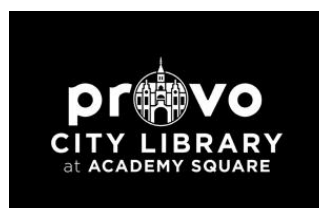
Discusses the plants, animals, history, government, industry, faith, sports, and people of Venezuela. 144 pages

Things Are Never So Bad That They Can't Get Worse

by William Neuman

987.0642 NEU

A fluid combination of journalism, memoir, and history that chronicles Venezuela's tragic journey from petro-riches to poverty. Neuman's book paints a clear-eyed, riveting, and highly personal portrait of the crisis unfolding in real time, with all of its tropical surrealism, extremes of wealth and suffering, and gripping drama. 337 pages



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