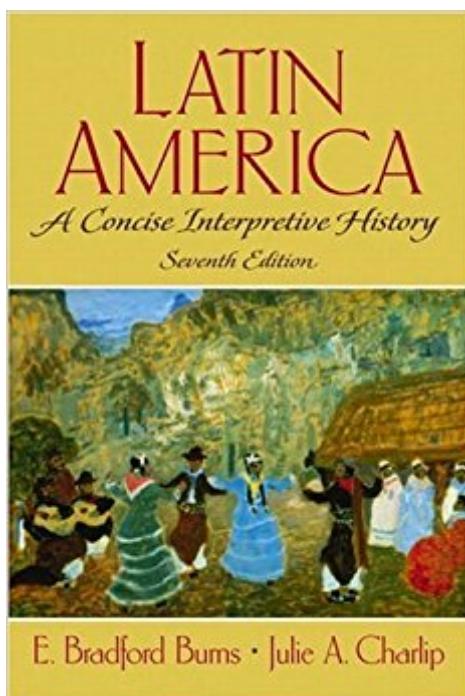


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Emphasizing the forces that shaped the past and reshape the present, this concise, interpretive, multidisciplinary survey sweeps through the history of Latin America as a region -- from the European conquest up to the present. It takes a thematic approach to the history, using individual case studies to illustrate each theme. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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recent research and interpretations, as well as to provide expanded coverage of World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, and late twentieth-century themes, thus offering students a more comprehensive view of important topics. Additional new features include: Primary Source Documents: providing students with readings that give the voices of Latin Americans a chance to speak for themselves. Stories of Latin American Women: offering a realistic view of the Latin American women's experience and influence. Postmodern Approaches: encouraging students to engage in deeper discussions about the material and class conditions existing in Latin America. Expanded Discussion of Current Topics: NAFTA, Chiapas, late 1970s-1980s military regimes, new social movements and election limitations.

This book was in good shape. I am always skeptical to buy used books, but the binding and cover are all in great shape. A nicely used book. No missing pages, little or no writing. Appears to be an old library book. The rating for used books was accurate. High quality.

It got me where i needed to be in my Latin American Politics class when I couldn't understand the teacher. Saved my butt.

If you're taking a Latin American History class it was a good book to have. It was comprehensive and easy to follow.

This book was required for my Latin American history course. I found it very interesting to read, but sometimes a little overwhelmed with all the information all bunched up, so when I was taking notes, it was like pages long since I had to write down where and when things were.

The late E. Bradford Burns was one of the most versatile historians of Latin America, and this book contains the fruits of his 30+ years of research and teaching. All textbook surveys require choices of content and emphasis, but here Burns's have resulted in a superior volume. His is an interpretive and thematic perspective, permitting an integrated approach to the entire continent. This works better than having discrete chapters on specific countries, which may or may not be the focus of a particular course or single reader. Burns stresses the importance of the region's institutions in shaping its history, and gives due attention to the 19th century, often a "forgotten century" compared with the 16th or 20th. A central organizing theme is the struggle between elites and folk communities, a continuous factor in the continent's history. As a Brazilianist, Burns gives better

coverage of that major country than does any other text, without slighting Spanish America. The author's prose, while not exactly scintillating, is clear and readable, and his quietly humanistic values further heighten our interest. Drawbacks: reduced coverage of pre-19th century period; little citation of primary sources; and a perfunctory stab at incorporating work on women's history. Nevertheless, this is a superb text for any university course on Modern Latin America or Latin America Since Independence, and I found that it works very well in my own classes. Having canvassed all the major texts (which have many merits of their own), I recommend this as the finest within the inevitable limits of any one-volume work.

I was assigned to teach this book. at a community college. I suffered for two semesters with it. It comes together with a primary sources booklet. There is not enough time to do both. A survey of all countries can be done when the students are already knowledgeable in the subject. Sadly, Latin-America is not part of the high-school programs in history. In college, hearing this for the first time , you need the students to grasp the countries one by one not in a bird's eye view style. Otherwise, they are left at the end of the semester with the same amount of knowledge they came in, and if they remember something just from the book it would be very very fuzzy. Therefore, this survey book confuses more than it teaches. The writing is unclear and the way to approach the topics is not rational in my opinion. My students found it dry and boring. Frankly there are better books than this to teach Latin-America.

Used this book as textbook in advanced (IB) History of the Americas; very authoritative and complete, must say one of the clearest books I've seen on this subject; a definitive narrative of Latin American history.

It seemed like it would be a very good resource and it was in wonderful condition. I switched classes, so I no longer needed the book.

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