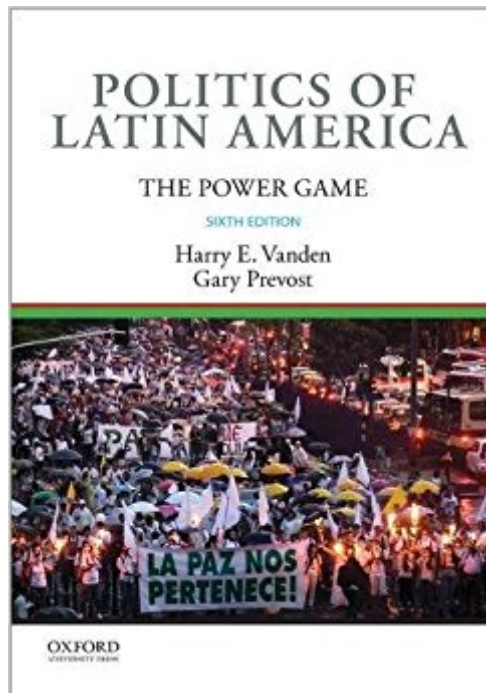


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This is one of the best written history about the region of Latin and Central America I have ever read. I had a class on the topic over two years ago, during my time in college, and was assigned this textbook which turned out to be beneficial. I was surprised how little I knew about the countries south of the United States. The author clearly breaks down the dynamics of the political, social, and economic landscape that shaped the region, starting with the European invasion, mainly from Spain and Portugal, five hundred years ago to the early twenty-first century. The chapters are broken down by subject matter like religion and economics, and then by countries toward the end of the book. This makes it relatively easy to look for specific topics, if you're focused on one area of study like revolutions in Brazil. The lessons that affected one country or another, such as military dictatorships that usually destroyed and damaged the social structure of their society, and nations who had single economy exports which lacked trade diversity and exposed their nation to financial uncertainty on the global markets when their products were low in demand. These mistakes are explained as the consequence of poor or corrupt leadership and an ill-informed public, which the book covers. The textbook also highlights how the wealthy in various Latin American nations tried to keep the status quo, restricting political and social-economic opportunities to the general public, thus maintaining their reign. Over a period of time however, this usually ended in blooded revolutions rather than peaceful settlements between rival groups. This book seems to have some unbiased honesty about the Latin American countries. Also, it covers how the American government has influenced Latin America policy and vice versa. I think you would enjoy it if you're interested in their history or present day concerns.

I have this book for a political science course, so I didn't hunt it down for pleasure reading. The author does a decent job of summarizing the history and politics of Latin America, but some statements in the book seem a bit odd to me. For example, in a sub header titled Contemporary Struggle of the Indigenous People, it states (partial sentence here) ;bilingualism has increased without the disappearance of native languages. REALLY? They may want to revise that statement.

As a beginner in the area of Latin American politics, this book was super helpful in briefing me through every country in their past, present, and future prospects for democracy. Easy to read language that avoids academic-speak for the most part, or explains them very well. Regretted not buying instead of renting!

This book is written in a narrative style, so some embellishment and added detail are expected, but it's overly wordy. Actually, it's so wordy that entire paragraphs, even pages, can be boiled down into 2 or 3 sentences each. It's ridiculous and I'm astounded that professors continue to require this for their classes.

Great price and Great service. So interesting, I read some of it myself. Appears to give a great overview of Latin American Politics.

good book, the shipping was pretty fast as well.

This text is a required reading for any Latin American course. I highly recommend it to anybody taking up their studies in this field.

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