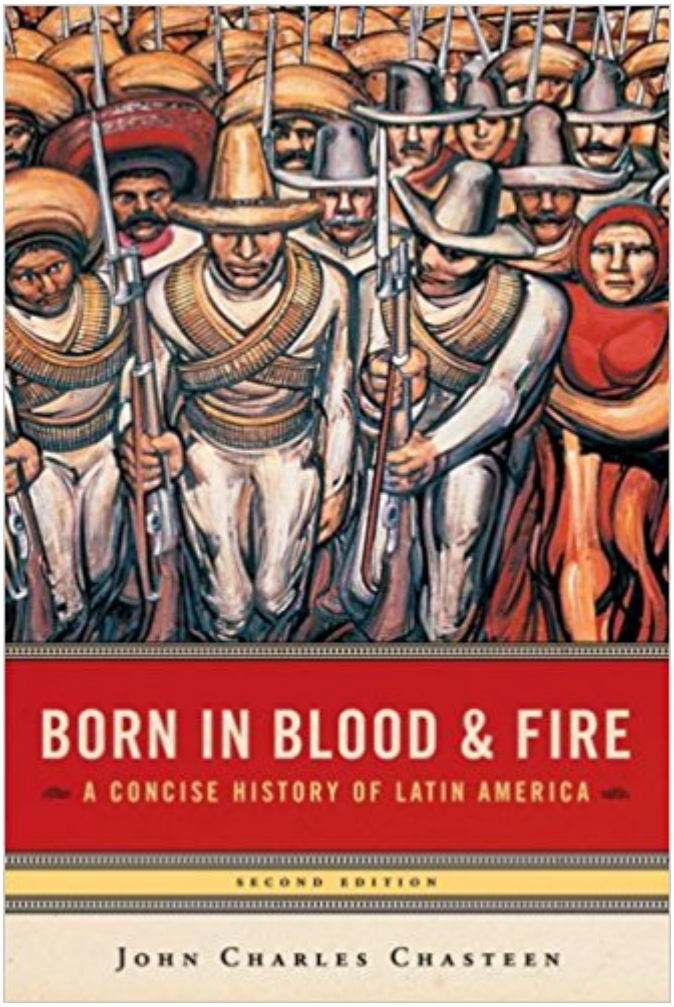
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Written passionately and with style, and while I abhor Professor Chasteen’s left-wing politics, it’s trivial compared with the knowledge he imparts and the inspired effort he’s made -- totally trivial. And many people agree with him so it’s good to understand that POV. I loved the straight history and his synthesis of cultural-political movements like neo-colonialism, progress, neo-liberalism, but I also loved the detours into portraits of people, particularly women who broke the mold in Latin America’s male-dominated culture. Adds a bit of sex and sizzle IMHO. The only actual gap is not explaining why non-Spanish/Portuguese countries developed the way they did -- e.g., Belize,

Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana. Not a big deal at all, just a gap.

Used this as a text book 10 years ago. really wanted to have it in my home again.

If you’re looking for a concise history of Latin America, written in an accessible and engaging style, look no further. In addition to historical facts, the author has spent quite a bit of time living throughout South America, and these experiences provide color throughout the book. Highly recommended.

It is a fun reading full of explanations that attempt to help you understand historical events with deep understanding.

Great Book... I loved every page of it!! Easy explanations of complex historical facts. Chasteen has a way of simplifying otherwise dull, elusive, and fleeting material facts into a form of Hooked-On-Phonics-Worked-For-Me simplicity. I almost had to dumb down to read this book, but it made me feel great because it’s still a challenge..

I love this subject and Mr. Chasteen makes this detailed history sound like an interesting novela.

Needed for my class. Fairly interesting, but the chapters are long and there are little to no pics.

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