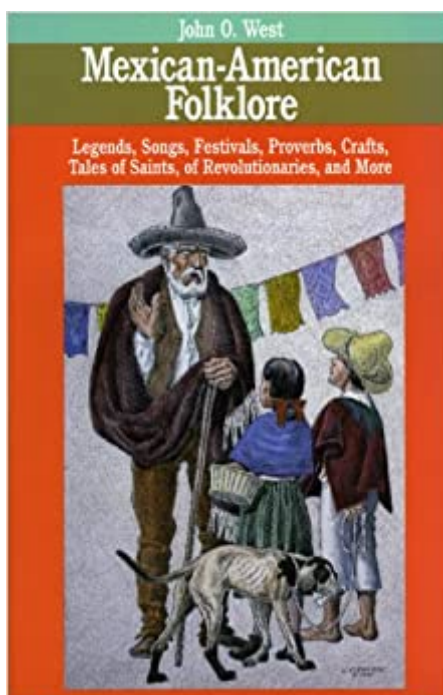


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Fantastic book on history of folk tails, told by your grandmother or grandfather, some humorous, some relating to other cultures, others uniquely Mexican-American. Great read for all Hispanic American people. Well written, easy to read and enjoyable. I recommend this for anyone interested in the culture. Being a gringo, I don't get the full impact of all of the stories, that a Mexican-American would, but several of them I have heard over the years and some of them are cute, funny, and entertaining. Especially the little story about Ratoncito Peres and the ant at the Saturday night dance.

Helpful

I couldn't recommend this book highly enough! The methodology and philosophy of the author are laid out excellently in the introduction, the writing style is very approachable and entertaining, and the scope of the folklore included is truly outstanding. I recognized some of the stories from my childhood in Las Cruces, New Mexico and La Villita, New Mexico, and learned some new tales in the process. If you are looking for a really great tome of Mexican-American culture and stories, look no further.

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The final chapter of this book is subtitled "A Little bit of Everything." That would also make a good subtitle for this entire volume of folklore that reflects Mexican heritage in America. The book has good folktales and legends from Mexican-American culture, but these texts comprise only a small portion of the interesting volume. There are good chapters on Mexican-American folk speech,

proverbs, riddles, ballads and folksong, and folk poetry. The book moves beyond many compilations to include good chapters on folk drama, dance, traditional games, foodways, folk art, and vernacular architecture. The presentation of these forms of folklore is interesting, and West also includes good discussions that place the genres and folk expressions within cultural and historical contexts. It's a good source for general readers who wish to learn a bit about Mexican-American culture, and the supplemental materials and extensive bibliography will appeal to those who wish to delve into a more in-depth understanding of the subject.

I just bought this book for Father's Day. It includes many well known folktales, folklore, sayings, and stories from the Hispanic culture - many I had forgotten from my youth. Very interesting.

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