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 (GENERAL)

**Blacksouls**
by Nicole Castroman

Edward “Teach” Drummond, the soon-to-be Blackbeard, contemplates mutiny to protect his crew from Spanish attackers, while Anne makes it to Nassau only to be confronted by lawlessness and corruption. 390 pages

**The Jumbee**
by Pamela Keyes

Devastated by the death of her Shakespearean-actor father, Esti Legard moves to a tropical island for her senior year in high school, where she finds herself torn between a mysterious, masked mentor and a seductive island boy as she tries to escape the overpowering shadow of her famous father. 385 pages

**Learning to Breathe**
by Janice Lynn Mather

Sixteen-year-old Indy struggles to conceal that she is pregnant by rape and then, when turned out by relatives, must find a way to survive on her own in Nassau. 328 pages

**The Sugar Barons**
by Matthew Parker

The history behind one of the greatest power struggles of the 17th to 19th centuries as Europeans made and lost immense fortunes growing and trading in sugar--a commodity so lucrative it became known as "white gold"--in the tiny Caribbean islands of Barbados, Jamaica, and the Leeward Islands. 446 pages

**The Whydah**
by Martin W. Sandler

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

**Empire's Crossroads**
by Carrie Gibson

Traces the story of the area from the northern rim of South America up to Cuba, exploring its history from the arrival of Columbus, through colonialism, to the present, offering a wide view of this complex region. 447 pages

**Island People**
by Joshua Jelly-Schapiro

A kaleidoscopic portrait of the societies, cultures, and politics of Cuba, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Haiti, Barbados and their interspersed islands seeks to connect the region's common heritage to its fierce grip on the world's imagination. 451 pages

**Empire of Blue Water**
by Stephan Talty

Chronicles the real-life adventures of Welsh pirate Henry Morgan and his exploits in the Caribbean in the service of the English, from his attacks on Spanish merchant ships to his final assault on Panama that ended Spanish domination of the New World. 332 pages
**LATIN AMERICA (GENERAL)**

**Che: A Revolutionary Life**  
by Jon Lee Anderson  
Vividly transports the reader from young Ernesto’s medical school days as a sensitive asthmatic to the battlefields of the Cuban revolution, from his place of power alongside Castro, to his disastrous sojourn in the Congo, and his violent end in Bolivia. 421 pages  

**One Hundred Years of Solitude**  
by Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
F GARCIA MARQUEZ  
 Tells the story of the Buendia family, set against the background of the evolution and eventual decadence of a small South American town. 452 pages  

**Bel Canto**  
by Ann Patchett  
F PATCHETT  
When terrorists seize hostages at an embassy party, an unlikely assortment of people are thrown together, including an American opera star and her biggest fan, a Japanese CEO. 318 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. A brief introductory chapter gives readers an overview of the history of South and Meso-American peoples. 143 pages  

**Gangster Warlords**  
by Ioan Grillo  
364.1066 GRI  
Provides an account of the new criminal kingpins in Central and South America, who took over a large portion of the world's trafficking of narcotics, guns, and humans and have cultivated mystiques that are equal parts terrorist, rock star, and CEO. 377 pages  

**Lost Worlds**  
by Arthur Drooker  
779.997 DRO  
This collection portrays the architectural, geographic, and historical significance of ruins throughout the Americas. 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  

**How to Travel without Seeing**  
by Andrés Neuman  
918 NEU  
Lamenting not having more time to get to know each of the 19 countries he visits after winning the Premio Alfaguara, Andres Neuman turns the fleeting nature of his trip into a creative advantage, producing a work that is whimsical and fun, poetic and aphoristic. A dual Argentine-Spanish citizen, Neuman offers insight into cultural identity and nationality, immigration and globalization, history and language. 252 pages  

**Americanos: Latin America’s Struggle for Independence**  
by John Charles Chasteen  
980 CHA  
A comprehensive yet concise account of Latin American history, with a special focus on the Latin American wars of independence. 218 pages  

**Life and Death in the Andes**  
by Kim MacQuarrie  
980 MAC  
Kim MacQuarrie tells great 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  

**Sabers and Utopias**  
by Mario Vargas Llosa  
980.03 VAR  
A collection of essays from the winner of the 2010 Nobel Prize in Literature offers criticisms and meditations on issues affecting Latin America, including recent history with political groups like FARC and Sendero Luminoso and also the legacies of Papa Doc Duvalier and Fidel Castro. 275 pages
ARGENTINA

The Disappeared
by Gloria Whelan
Silvia tries to save her brother after he is captured by the military government in 1970s Argentina. 136 pages

The Gods of Tango
by Carolina De Robertis
Struggling to make her way in Buenos Aires after the murder of her husband, 17-year-old Leda masters the violin and disguises herself as a man so that she can join a troupe of tango musicians and perform in public. 367 pages

Target in the Night
by Ricardo Piglia
Tony Duran, a mysterious foreigner born in Puerto Rico and educated in New Jersey, is murdered in a village in Buenos Aires. Before dying, he’d arrived with the beautiful Belladona sisters, the twins Ada and Sofia, daughters of one of the most important families in the area. Piglia’s book is an intense and tragic family history reminiscent of King Lear, in which the madness of the detective is integral to solving crimes. 267 pages

Argentina
by Jean Blashfield
Part of the Enchantment of the World series, describes the geography, people, government, culture, history, religion, economy, and wildlife of Argentina. 144 pages

A Brief History of Argentina
by Jonathan C. Brown
An overview of Argentina’s history including its origins and culture spanning 12,000 years. Despite having a population that ranks among the most educated and skilled in Latin America, the country is mired in economic instability, chronic unemployment, strict class divisions, and political corruption. 324 pages

Argentina: A Short History
by Colin M. Lewis
A look at Argentina’s history with special focus on key people, as well as an overview of the country’s driving forces, its dramatic rise, and more recent problems. Why has a country with such potential and cultural sophistication suffered so badly in recent years? 260 pages

BOLIVIA

An Uninterrupted View of the Sky
by Melanie Crowder
In Bolivia in 1999, when their father is unjustly arrested and their mother leaves, Francisco, 17, and his younger sister, Pilar, must move to a dirty, dehumanizing, and corrupt prison. 289 pages

Bolivia
by Marguerite A. Kistler
Facing challenges as diverse as its topography and culture, Bolivia strives to find a balance between protecting its cultural and ecological legacy, and moving toward positive and sustainable economic and social progress. 112 pages

A Brief History of Bolivia
by Waltraud Q. Morales
A look at Bolivia’s history and people from the ancient civilizations near the shores of Lake Titicaca, to the efforts to quell the political and social turmoil Bolivia still endures today. 288 pages

Whispering in the Giant’s Ear
by William Powers
Weaves memoir, travel, history, and reportage together into a chronicle of the struggles of the Bolivian people, their livelihood, their rain forest, and the country’s relationships with logging companies and multinational energy companies. 305 pages
**Brazil**

**The Explorer**
by Katherine Rundell

Left stranded in the Amazon jungle when their plane crashes on their way back to England from Manaus, Brazil, four children struggle to survive for days until one of them finds a map that leads them to a ruined city and a secret hidden among the vines. 324 pages

**Brazillionaires: Wealth, Power, Decadence, and Hope in an American Country**
by Alex Cuadros

The engrossing tale of Brazil's spectacular rise and fall, intertwined with the story of its wealthiest citizens. This book begins to answer one of the most pressing questions of our age of inequality: Who exactly are our new hyperwealthy plutocrats, and should we welcome or fear them? 368 pages

**Brazil’s Dance with the Devil**
by Dave Zirin

Looks at the widespread protests in Brazil as they struggle to prepare for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics, pointing out the political, social, and economic costs for the nation that come with hosting the two mega-events. 246 pages

**The Art of Brazilian Cooking**
by Sandra Cuza

Presents recipes representing the different cuisines of Brazil, and includes information on the history of the dishes, cultural facts on regional ingredients, and where to buy Brazilian food products in the United States. 247 pages

**Death on the River of Doubt**
by Samantha Seiple

Follow along on the thrilling journey that unfolds as Roosevelt, Rondon, Kermit, and their companions navigate an unpredictable river through an unforgiving jungle. With new threats at every turn, from bloodthirsty piranhas and raging rapids to starvation, disease, and a traitor in their own ranks, it seems that not everyone will make it out alive. 214 pages

**Brazil on the Rise**
by Larry Rohter

Looks at the changes that have happened in Brazil over the past few years and offers a variety of interviews with political, business, cultural, and religious leaders on the social, economic, and political life in the country. 289 pages

**Brazil**
by Simona Stoppa

With some of the world's most stunning and diverse landscapes, as well as its cultural richness, Brazil is the ideal place to go for unforgettable adventures and unique sensory experiences. Through a treasure trove of images that range from the lush Amazon to sophisticated cities, from lavish colonial churches to favelas, Brazil captures the country's spirit, its history, and its people. 271 pages

**Brazil: The Troubled Rise of a Global Power**
by Michael Reid

Examines the South American country that is destined to be one of the world's premier economic powers by the year 2030, and considers some of the abundant problems the nation faces. 334 pages

**A Death in Brazil**
by Peter Robb

Presents a political and cultural description of modern-day Brazil, with an emphasis on the violence and corruption behind the ongoing power struggles of political rivals for Brazil's presidency. 329 pages

**Nemesis: One Man and the Battle for Rio**
by Misha Glenny

The author of McMafia presents an unflinching investigation into the tumultuous social, political and economic landscapes of present-day Brazil through the story of drug cartel kingpin Nem, tracing his rise from an everyday parent to one of the nation's most wanted criminals. 293 pages
**CHILE**

**Surviving Santiago**
by Lyn Miller-Lachmann
Returning to her homeland of Santiago, Chile, is the last thing that Tina Aguilar wants to do during the summer of her 16th birthday. It has taken eight years for her to feel comfort and security in America with her mother, and three years since she last saw her father. 312 pages

**In the Company of Angels**
by Thomas E. Kennedy
Imprisoned for teaching political poetry to his students, Bernardo Greene has been tortured for months in Pinochet's Chile when he is visited by two angels who promise that he will survive to experience beauty and love once again. Months later, in Copenhagen, the Chilean exile befriends Michela Ibsen. 276 pages

**Deep Down Dark**
by Héctor Tobar
In August 2010, a cave-in at a copper and gold mine in northern Chile trapped 33 miners and technical workers deep underground in the dark. On the surface, rescuers scrambled and families anxiously waited for 69 days. This gripping account provides an informative edge-of-the-seat reading experience about the historic disaster and rescue operation. 309 pages

**The Last Cowboys at the End of the World**
by Nick Reding
Reding's account of the 10 months he spent in Middle Cisnes, Patagonia, is a riveting exploration of the longing for change by a people and a culture that, according to history books and the Chilean government, do not even exist. 291 pages

**My Invented Country**
by Isabelle Allende
The author explores the landscapes and people of her native country; recounts the 1973 assassination of her uncle, which caused her to go into exile; and shares her experiences as an immigrant in post-September 11 America. 199 pages

**COLOMBIA**

**100 Hours**
by Rachel Vincent
While on an exotic spring break to an untouched beach in Colombia, Maddie, Genesis, and their friends are kidnapped and must escape their captors if they want to survive. 360 pages

**Maria**
by Jorge Isaacs
When Efraim and María fall in love circumstances force them apart. Efraim travels away for school, and despite being together when he returns, he must go away again to study medicine. Can their love transcend the distance between them? Describes the customs and landscape of 1800s Latin America. 302 pages

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

**The Girl with No Name**
by Marina Chapman
The author tells the story of how she was kidnapped at the age of four and abandoned deep in the Colombian rain forest, where she survived for five years by mimicking a troop of monkeys until she was rescued by hunters who sold her to a brothel. 256 pages

**Gabriel García Márquez**
by Don Nardo
Discusses the life and career of the Colombian novelist who achieved fame in the genre of magical realism and who won the 1982 Nobel Prize for literature. 104 pages
CUBA

The Cat King of Havana
by Toms Kreicbergs
YA F CROSSHIL
A 16-year-old Cuban American joins a salsa class to meet a girl, then invites her to spend the summer with his family in Havana. They investigate his mother's reasons for leaving Cuba decades earlier, learning about the impact politics can have on individual lives. 354 pages

The Firefly Letters
by Margarita Engle
YA F ENGLE
Draws on little-known Cuban history to tell a stirring story in poetry. Based on the diaries and letters of Swedish suffragist Fredrika Bremer, who spent three months in Cuba in 1851, the story focuses on oppressed women, the privileged as well as the enslaved, in three alternating free-verse narratives. 151 pages

The Flight to Freedom
by Ana Veciana-Suarez
YA F VECIANA
Writing in the diary which her father gave her, 13-year-old Yara describes life with her family in Havana, Cuba, in 1967 as well as her experiences in Miami, Florida, after immigrating there to be reunited with some relatives while leaving others behind. 215 pages

The Surrender Tree
by Margarita Engle
YA 811.54 ENG
Poems that explore Cuba's fight for independence follow Rosa, a nurse who turns hidden caves into hospitals for those who know how to find her, and who does her best to help everyone, with no regard to race or nationality. 169 pages

The Brilliant Disaster
by Jim Rasenberger
972.9106 RAS
Trained by the CIA, 1,400 Cuban expats planned to invade Cuba, trigger a popular revolt, and topple Castro's communist regime. But when Castro was tipped off and U.S. air support was cancelled, the would-be liberators were sacrificed in a crossfire of betrayal. 460 pages

Havana: A Subtropical Delirium
by Mark Kurlansky
972.9123 KUR
Part cultural history, part travelogue, with recipes, historic engravings, photographs, and Kurlansky's own pen-and-ink drawings throughout, Havana celebrates the city's singular music, literature, baseball, and food; its five centuries of outstanding, neglected architecture; and its extraordinary blend of cultures. 259 pages

Havana without Makeup
by Herman Portocarero
972.9123 POR
Opening on the eve of the announcement of reconciliation between the U.S. and Cuba, the book then looks back at the cultural, political, economic, and religious influences that led up to this historic moment and beyond. 285 pages

Leaving Glorytown
by Eduardo Calcines
YA BIO CALCINES
When Eduardo Calcines was three years old, Communists took control of Cuba. Eleven years passed before Calcines and his family were finally able to leave the country. Now 63, Calcines, a successful American businessman, recounts what it was like to grow up under Fidel Castro's rule. 221 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

José Martí
by John M. Dunn
YA BIO MARTI
Biography of José Martí, poet, statesman, novelist, revolutionary and martyr, who was unjustly imprisoned and exiled for treason against Spain at the age of 17, and who dedicated his life to ousting the Spanish from Cuba. 111 pages
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

How Tia Lola Came to (Visit) Stay
by Julia Alvarez
After his parents split Miguel has plenty to worry about. Tia Lola, his quirky, "charismatic," and maybe magical aunt makes his life even more unpredictable when she arrives from the Dominican Republic. 147 pages

Rooting for Rafael Rosales
by Kurtis Scaletta
In the Dominican Republic, a boy who dreams of playing professional baseball in the United States crosses paths with a young environmentalist from Minneapolis who is passionate about saving bees. 282 pages

Flowers in the Sky
by Lynn Joseph
Fifteen-year-old Nina emigrates from the Dominican Republic to New York to live with her older brother and must reconcile the realities of Washington Heights with the dreams of the U.S. her mami envisioned for her. 232 pages

In the Time of the Butterflies
by Julia Alvarez
A fictional account of the young lives of Mirabal sisters, known in the Dominican Republic as Las Mariposas, describes their suffering and martyrdom in the last days of the Trujillo dictatorship. 325 pages

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
by Junot Diaz
Living with an old-world mother and rebellious sister, an urban New Jersey misfit dreams of becoming the next J. R. R. Tolkien and believes that a long-standing family curse is thwarting his efforts to find love and happiness. 339 pages

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

ECUADOR

The Indigo Notebook
by Laura Resau
Fifteen-year-old Zeeta comes to terms with her flighty mother and their itinerant life when, soon after moving to Ecuador, she helps an American teenager find his birth father in a nearby village. 324 pages

The Queen of Water
by Laura Resau
Living in a village in Ecuador, a Quechua Indian girl is sent to work as an indentured servant for an upper class "mestizo" family. 352 pages

Valverde's Gold
by Mark Honigsbaum
The author delves into a legend of lost Inca treasure, revisiting the notes of a botanist who was reported to have found the cache of gold and then lost it, and then mounting an expedition to Ecuador himself. 348 pages

Ecuador
by JoAnn Milivojevic
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

End of the Spear
by Steve Saint
Steve Saint was five years old when his father was speared to death by a primitive Ecuadorian tribe. When that same tribe asks him to help them, Steve moves his family back to the jungle. 338 pages
GUATEMALA

**Journey of Dreams**  
by Marge Pellegrino  
When their village is destroyed in the Guatemalan Civil War, Tomasa and her family begin the long trek north in search of somewhere they will be safe. 250 pages

**Red Glass**  
by Laura Resau  
Sophie has been frail and delicate since her premature birth, but discovers her true strength during a journey through Mexico, where the orphan her family hopes to adopt was born, and to Guatemala, where her would-be boyfriend hopes to find his mother and plans to remain. 275 pages

**Mayan Folktales**  
by James Sexton  
A collection of 35 folktales from Guatemala which transport the reader to the haunting stories of witches and shamans, spiritualists and apies, Naguales, or persons who have the power to change into animal forms and devils. These stories are educational, instructive, mysterious, wise and sometimes simply funny. 299 pages

**Unfinished Conquest**  
by Victor Perera  
Spanning the years of civil war in Guatemala, the embattled country faces a cycle of a conquest that began in the 16th century. As personal narrative weaves with reportage and oral testimony, we meet the victims, champions, and villains of a society torn apart by violence and injustice. 297 pages

HAITI

**In Darkness**  
by Nick Lake  
In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, 15-year-old Shorty, a poor gang member from the slums of Site Soleil, is trapped under rubble, and as he grows weaker he has visions and memories of his life of violence, his lost twin sister, and of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in 1804. 341 pages

**Hold Tight, Don't Let Go**  
by Laura Rose Wagner  
In the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Nadine goes to live with her father in Miami while her cousin Magdalie, raised as her sister, remains behind in a refugee camp, dreaming of joining Nadine but wondering if she must accept that her life and future are in Port-au-Prince. 263 pages

**Haiti: After the Earthquake**  
by Paul Farmer  
The celebrated physician and anthropologist offers a vivid on-the-ground account of the relief effort in the aftermath of Haiti's earthquake--and issues a powerful call to action. 431 pages

**Haiti: The Aftershocks of History**  
by Laurent Dubois  
Haiti has long been known as a benighted place of poverty and corruption. Malignned and misunderstood, the nation has been blamed for much of its own wretchedness, but Haiti's troubles can be traced to a legacy of international punishment for staging the only successful slave revolt in the world. 434 pages

**Toussaint Louverture**  
by Madison Smartt Bell  
A biography of Toussaint Louverture that captures the frequently contradictory and complex life of the leader of the late 18th century Haitian Revolution that became the only successful slave revolt in history. 333 pages
JAMAICA

Pirates!
by Celia Rees
In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family’s Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, 16-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure. 379 pages

A Brief History of Seven Killings
by Marion James
Just before the Jamaican general election and two days before Bob Marley was to play the Smile Jamaica Concert, seven gunmen stormed the singer’s house, machine guns blazing. Little was officially released about the gunmen, but much has been whispered about in the streets of West Kingston. Rumors abound regarding the assassins’ fates, and there are suspicions that the attack was politically motivated. 688 pages

Augustown
by Kei Miller
A poor suburban sprawl in the Jamaican heartland, Augustown is a place where many things that should happen don’t, and plenty of things that shouldn’t happen do. The story of Kaia leads back to another momentous day in Jamaican history, the birth of the Rastafari and the desire for a better life. 239 pages

The Land of Look Behind
by Aaron Blaylock
Three hundred years ago, a soldier named Jarvis journeyed deep into Jamaica and discovered a land of myth, treasure, and danger. Now Gideon, who served in Jamaica as a missionary, returns armed with Jarvis’s journal to follow the enigmatic clues with his best friend. But they quickly discover there are forces that would kill to keep the treasure secret. 313 pages

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

MEXICO

Becoming Naomi Leon
by Pam Muñoz Ryan
When Naomi’s absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father. 246 pages

Jungle Crossing
by Sydney Salter
Kat wants to be at camp with friends rather than touring Mexican jungles on a family vacation, but one of her Mayan guides helps her understand that by always trying to please her friends, she is losing herself. 215 pages

North of Happy
by Adi Alsaid
A wealthy dual citizen of Mexico and the United States rebels against his family’s strict plans for his future in the aftermath of his older brother’s tragic death, an event that compels him to secure a job with his favorite celebrity chef, a relationship that becomes complicated when he falls for his boss’s daughter. 296 pages

The Go-Between
by Veronica Chambers
Both of 16-year-old Cammi’s parents are stars in Mexico, but everything changes when her mother accepts a role in an American sitcom. 195 pages

Crossing the Wire
by Will Hobbs
Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico. 216 pages
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PERU

A Blind Spot for Boys
by Justina Chen
YA F CHEN
After a bad breakup and the discovery that her father's quickly going blind, 16-year-old photographer Shana and her parents travel to Machu Picchu for an adventure, where Shana meets Quattro, a boy with secrets of his own. 321 pages

The Discrete Hero
by Mario Vargas Llosa
F VARGAS LLOSA
Follows the endearing Felícito Yanaqué, a small businessman in Piura, Peru, who finds himself the victim of blackmail; and Ismael Carrera, a successful owner of an insurance company in Lima, who cooks up a plan to avenge himself against the two lazy sons who want him dead. 326 pages

Mother of God
by Paul Rosolie
The explorer and conservationist relives his amazing odyssey exploring the heart of the most biodiversity-rich place on the planet -- the Madre de Dios (Mother of God) region of Peru, where the Amazon River begins its massive flow from the Andean mountain cloud forests into the lowland Amazon rainforest. 306 pages

Peru
by Marion Morrison
YA 985 MOR
Photographs, maps, interactive sidebars, text, and Internet resources help students learn about the geography, history, government, culture, people, art, and daily life of Peru. 144 pages

Lima: A Cultural History
by James Higgins
985.25 HIG
A look at life in the Peruvian capital. 243 pages

Turn Right at Machu Picchu
by Mark Adams
985.37 ADA
Traces the author's recreation of Hiram Bingham III's discovery of the ancient citadel, Machu Picchu, in the Andes Mountains of Peru, describing his struggles with rudimentary survival tools and his experiences at the sides of local guides. 333 pages

PUERTO RICO

A Fierce and Subtle Poison
by Samantha Mabry
YA F MABRY
Spending the summer with his hotel-developer father in Puerto Rico, 17-year-old Lucas turns to a legendary cursed girl filled with poison when his girlfriend mysteriously disappears. 279 pages

Conquistadora
by Esmerelda Santiago
F SANTIAGO
As a Young girl growing up in Spain, Ana Larragoity Cubillas is powerfully drawn to Puerto Rico by the diaries of an ancestor and in 1844 she travels across the ocean to a remote sugar plantation. There she will sacrifice nearly everything to keep hold of the land that has become her true home. 432 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. At the same time, Puerto Ricans continue to work at achieving economic success. Enjoying the best of both worlds, Puerto Rico remains a top vacation spot, while at the same time boasts a typically Western lifestyle of sports, shopping, and manufacturing. 80 pages

Molina: The Story of the Father Who Raised an Unlikely Baseball Dynasty
by Bengie Molina
YA BIO MOLINA
The inspiring true story of the poor Puerto Rican factory worker, Benjamin Molina Santana, who against all odds raised the greatest baseball dynasty of all time: Molina's three sons--Bengie, Jose, and Yadier, winners of two World Series rings. 259 pages
 Dragons in the Waters by Madeleine L'Engle
A 13-year-old boy’s trip to Venezuela with his cousin culminates in murder and the discovery of an unexpected bond with an Indian tribe, dating from the days of Simon Bolivar. 293 pages

Infected by Gregg R. Luke
On a research trip to the jungles of Venezuela, mycologist Dr. Julia Fotheringham discovers that her associate’s horrifying death was caused by an organism usually found only in insects—which means the infection jumped species. As she works to contain the organism and prevent an epidemic, she must also battle terrorists who have learned of her discovery and want a sample in order to unleash devastation on humanity. 327 pages

Comandante: Hugo Chávez’s Venezuela by Rory Carroll
Journalist Rory Carroll breaches the walls of Miraflores Palace to tell the inside story of Chavez’s life and his political court in Caracas. Based on interviews with ministers, aides, courtiers, and citizens, this piece chronicles a unique experiment in power, which veers among enlightenment, tyranny, comedy, and farce. 302 pages