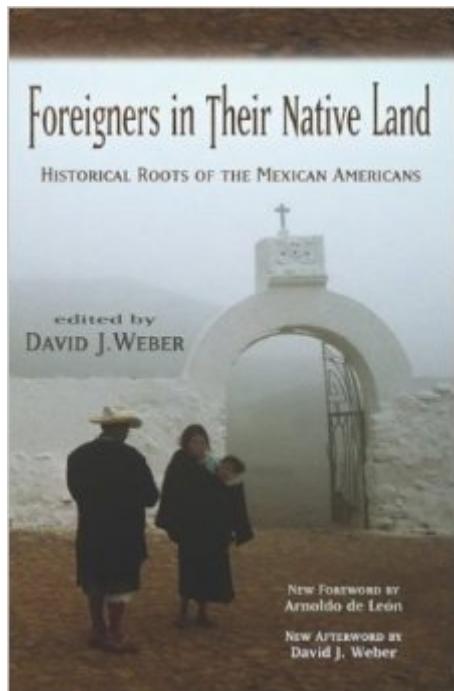


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I have enjoyed reading the rich history of the Southwest that has been presented here using educated deduction with a number of different written records from the time period. It was a refreshingly relatively clear view of Texas history that I think our youngest minds should be learning instead of the trite information that is being taught in today's school. Texan children are taught to idolize Davy Crockett and the other Colonial settlers in the pursuit of justice over the crazy Santa Ana and his Mexican army, but no one mentions that the Anglo American Colonists fought along side Early Mexican Settlers, or that Mexican signatures helped legalize the Texas Declaration of

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I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to read this book since it was written as a text book but I had a hard time putting it down once I got started. The facts are eye opening.

I bought this book for a Mexican-American history class and this book along with my class really made me change my views on the issue of immigration. As an Anglo-American I always viewed the Mexicans and other Latinos as immigrants and foreigners but after this class and reading this book I realized I'm more of an immigrant in my community. As a history student this book taught me about the history of my own backyard since I live in California.

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