



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)

The Jumbie God's Revenge

by Tracey Baptiste

J F BAPTISTE

After two out-of-season hurricanes nearly destroy her island home, Corinne discovers that the god Huracan is angry and she, aided by friends and enemies alike, races to calm him. 264 pages

Leeward Islands

by Lisa Kozleski

J 972.97 KOZ

This book explores the people, culture, economy, and geography of the Leeward Islands, located in the eastern Caribbean Sea. 63 pages

Kemosha of the Caribbean

by Alex Wheatle

YA F WHEATLE

In 1668, a young Jamaican girl, Kemosha, secures her freedom from enslavement and finds her true self while sailing to Panama with the legendary Captain Morgan. 293 pages

The Whydah

by Martin W. Sandler

YA 910.452 SAN

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

A Brief History of the Caribbean

by Jan Rogoziński

972.9 ROG

Traces the events that have shaped the history of the Caribbean islands in the five hundred years since the arrival of Columbus. 415 pages

LATIN AMERICA (GENERAL)

Charlie Hernández & the Castle of Bones

by Ryan Calejo

J F CALEJO

Middle schooler Charlie Hernández learns the historic stories are true when he grows horns and feathers and finds himself at the heart of a battle to save the world. 330 pages

Blancaflor: The Hero with Secret Powers

by Nadja Spiegelman

J COMICS TOON

Blancaflor, a young ogre with magical powers, decides to help a prince who has made a foolish bet with her father. Through saving the prince and the kingdom, she learns about the things that make her special. 48 pages

Nocturna

by Maya Motayne

YA F MOTAYNE

The first in a sweeping and epic debut fantasy trilogy about a face-changing thief and a risk-taking prince who must team up to defeat a powerful evil they accidentally unleashed. 471 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. 142 pages

The Other Side

by Juan Pablo Villalobos

YA 305.235 VIL

Every year thousands of children and teens cross the U.S.-Mexico border. The journey is treacherous and sometimes deadly, but worth the risk for migrants who are escaping violence and poverty. 147 pages

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Antigua and Barbuda

by Sara Louise Kras

J 972.974 KRA

Provides comprehensive information on the geography, history, governmental structure, economy, cultural diversity, peoples, religion, and culture of the Antigua and Barbuda. 144 pages

Annie John

by Jamaica Kincaid

F KINCAID

This is a magical coming-of-age tale, ripe with the special ambience of its tropical setting and young Annie's awareness of the world around her. 148 pages

ARGENTINA

Furia

by Yamile Saied Méndez

YA F MENDEZ

Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego. 357 pages

The Disappeared

by Gloria Whelan

YA F WHELAN

Silvia's brother, Eduardo, has Disappeared; Norberto, the general's son, is just foolish enough to help. Gives voice to the families who struggled to survive in 1970s Argentina. 136 pages

Argentina

by Jean F. Blashfield

YA 982 BLA

As the eighth-largest country in the world, Argentina occupies an important position within South America. Learn about the nation's history and how its government and economy have changed over time. 144 pages

THE BAHAMAS

The Bahamas

by Martin Hintz

J 972.96 HIN

Describes the Bahamas' geography, wildlife, history, government, economy, people, religion, and culture. 144 pages

Learning to Breathe

by Janice Lynn Mather

YA F MATHER

Sent to live with relatives in Nassau, 16-year-old Indy desperately looks for a safe space to call home. She discovers that home is more just four walls and a roof—it's the people she chooses to share it with. 328 pages

The Republic of Pirates

by Colin Woodard

910.45 WOO

Describes how a group of powerful pirate captains joined forces to create a powerful den of thieves, which led to a distinctive form of democracy in the Bahamas. 383 pages

BARBADOS



Josephine Against the Sea

by Shakirah Bourne

J F BOURNE

When she discovers her father's new girlfriend, Mariss, is actually a sea creature, Josephine must convince her friends to help her and use her cricket skills to save her dad from Mariss' clutches. 293 pages

Barbados

by Marie Louise Elias

J 972.981 ELI

Provides information on the geography, history, wildlife, economy, peoples, and culture of Barbados. 144 pages



How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House

by Cherie Jones

F JONES

Lala must deal with a chain of events that have terrible consequences when her petty criminal husband is interrupted in his attempt to rob one of the mansions in Baxter Beach, Barbados. 278 pages

BELIZE



The Actual Star

by Monica Byrne

SCI FI BYRNE

Braided together are the stories of teenage twins who ascend to a Mayan throne, an American woman on a self-discovery trip in Belize, and two dangerous charismatics vying for the leadership of a new religion. 608 pages

Belize

by Debra A. Miller

YA 972.82 MIL

This book describes Belize's natural riches and culture, and explains its struggle to achieve independence, develop its economy, provide for its people, and protect its environment. 112 pages

BOLIVIA



An Uninterrupted View of the Sky

by Melanie Crowder

YA F CROWDER

When their father is arrested on false charges, Francisco and Pilar move with him into a prison where everything has a price. Will they flee into the Andean highlands, or remain together in the dangerous prison? 289 pages

Bolivia

by Marguerite A. Kistler

YA 984 KIS

Facing challenges as diverse as its topography and culture, Bolivia strives to find balance between protecting its cultural and ecology while moving toward positive and sustainable economic and social progress. 112 pages

A Brief History of Bolivia

by Waltraud Q. Morales

984 MOR

Offering a concise history of Bolivia, this shows that major reform has occurred since ancient times. 288 pages

BRAZIL

Pelé, the King of Soccer

by Eddy Simon

J COMICS BIO PELE

Pelé grew up in poverty, yet he dominated the youth leagues and signed his first professional soccer contract at the age of fifteen. Within two years he led Brazil to victory at the world cup. 139 pages

This is Our Place

by Vitor Martins

YA F MARTINS

The house at Number 8 Sunflower Street tells the stories of three teens who have lived within its walls: a lesbian forced to leave, Greg after his parents' divorce, and Beto during the COVID pandemic. 308 pages

Brazil

by Ann Heinrichs

YA 981 HEI

A highly visual introduction to world geography. Packed with photos, original maps, and browser-friendly sidebars; timelines compare each country's history to world history. 144 pages

CHILE

The Dreamer

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

J F RYAN

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world. 372 pages

Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 feet below the Chilean Desert

by Marc Aronson

YA 363.119 ARO

After thirty-three miners are trapped in a copper-gold mine in Chile, experts from around the world came together to make their remarkable rescue possible. 134 pages

Chile

by Michael Burgan

YA 983 BUR

Photographs, maps, interactive sidebars, text, and Internet resources help students learn about the geography, history, government, culture, people, art, and daily life of Chile. 144 pages

COLOMBIA

The Immortal Boy

by Francisco Montaña Ibáñez

YA F IBANEZ

Two intertwining stories of Bogotá. One, a family of five children, left to live on their own. The other, a girl in an orphanage who will do anything to befriend the mysterious Immortal Boy. 147 pages

Colombia

by Marion Morrison

YA 986.1 MOR

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

Gabriel García Márquez

by Don Nardo

YA BIO GARCIA MARQUEZ

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

COSTA RICA

Handle with Care

by Loree Griffin Burns

J 595.789 BUR

On a farm in Costa Rica, workers care for these delicate, winged creatures as they change from eggs to caterpillars to pupae. To discover how it works, follow these butterflies on a remarkable journey! 33 pages

Costa Rica

by Marion Morrison

YA 972.86 MOR

Describes the geography, people, government, culture, history, religion, economy, and wildlife of Costa Rica. 142 pages

CUBA

Your Heart, My Sky

by Margarita Engle

YA F ENGLE

Both Liana and Amado each find the courage to skip the so-called volunteer farm labor in search of food. A chance encounter brings them together and they discover that their feelings for each other run deep. 208 pages

Cuba

by David K. Wright

YA 972.91 WRI

Explores both historical and cultural aspects of Cuba. 144 pages

Che Guevara

by Stuart A. Kallen

YA BIO GUEVARA

In this chronicle of an assassination, find out what inspired the myth of Che Guevara and what brought him to this bloody crossroads of history. 88 pages

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Growing Up Pedro

by Matt Tavares

J BIO MARTINEZ

Before Pedro Martínez pitched the Red Sox to a World Series championship, he was a kid from a place called Manoguayabo in the Dominican Republic. Unpaged

Clap When You Land

by Elizabeth Acevedo

YA F ACEVEDO

Separated by distance and their Papi's secrets, the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered. 417 pages

Dominican Republic

by Lura Rogers Seavey

YA 972.93 ROG

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

ECUADOR

The Queen of Water

by Laura Resau

YA F RESAU

In her Andean village in Ecuador, it's not uncommon for Virginia, a Quechua Indian girl, to work in the fields all day, even as a child. At age seven, she is taken from her village to work as a servant for an upper-class mestizo couple and begins a journey to self-discovery. 352 pages

Ecuador

by JoAnn Milivojevic

YA 986.6 MIL

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

EL SALVADOR

The Grief Keeper

by Alexandra Villasante

YA F VILLASAN

After escaping a detention center at the U.S. border, Marisol agrees to participate in a medical experiment hoping to keep her and her younger sister, Gabi, from being deported to El Salvador. 310 pages

El Salvador

by Marion Morrison

YA 972.84 MOR

Describes the geography, history, culture, religion, and people of El Salvador. 144 pages

The Far Away Brothers

by Lauren Markham

YA 979.466 MAR

Identical twins Ernesto and Raul Flores, 17, must flee El Salvador, make a harrowing journey across the Rio Grande and the Texas desert, face capture by immigration authorities, and struggle to navigate life in America. 265 pages

GUATEMALA

We are Not from Here

by Jenny Torres Sanchez

YA F SANCHEZ

When threats in their town become all too real, a trio of teens know they have no choice but to run: from their country, from their families, from their beloved home. 348 pages

Mayan Folktales

by James D. Sexton

398.2097 CENTRAL

A collection of 35 folktales from Guatemala which transport the reader to the haunting stories of witches and shamans, spiritualists and apies. These stories are educational, mysterious, wise, and funny. 299 pages

Guatemala

by Kevin Delgado

YA 972.81 DEL

Guatemala is a country rich in cultural heritage and natural resources. However, political instability and civil war have prevented Guatemala from addressing its social and economic crises. 112 pages

GUYANA

Blood on the River

by Marjoleine Kars

306.362 KAR

Provides a rare in-depth look at the political vision of enslaved people and introduces us to a set of real characters, thousands of slaves in the Dutch colony of Berbice—in present-day Guyana. 362 pages

Guyana

by Marion Morrison

YA 988.1 MOR

Describes the geography history culture industry and people of Guyana. 144 pages

HAITI

Dear Haiti, Love Alaine

by Maika Moulite

YA F MOULITE

After a school presentation goes wrong, Alaine finds herself shipped off to Haiti. While there, she flirts with a cute intern, hangs with her mom, and experiences Haiti (and her family history) for the first time. 430 pages

Haitian Vodou

by Mambo Chita Tann

299.675 TAN

Haitian Vodou is a fascinating spiritual tradition rich with ceremonies and magic, songs and prayers, dances and fellowship. Yet outside of Haiti, next to no one understands this joyous and profound way of life. 239 pages

Haiti

by Jean Blashfield

YA 972.94 BLA

Presents the geography, climate, wildlife, history, culture, economy, government, and people of Haiti. 144 pages

HONDURAS

Miss Quinces

by Kat Fajardo

J COMICS FAJARDO

Sue's family trip to Honduras a turn for the worse when her mother announces they'll be having a surprise quinceañera, which is the last thing she wants. How will she survive with her rambunctious family? 234 pages

Enrique's Journey

by Sonia Nazario

305.2308 NAZ

Documents the journey of a Honduran teen who braved hardship and peril to reunite with his mother after she was forced to leave him behind and seek migratory work in the United States. 273 pages

Honduras

by Sara Louise Kras

YA 972.83 KRA

Describes the geography history culture industry and people of Honduras. 144 pages

JAMAICA

Hurricane Summer

by Asha Bromfield

YA F BROMFIELD

While visiting her father who lives in Jamaica, eighteen-year-old Tilla faces a storm of dark secrets that threaten to unravel her own life, while an actual storm, Hurricane Gustav, threatens the lives of those she loves. 376 pages

Jamaica

by Sean Sheehan

YA 972.92 SHE

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

Funny Gyal

by Angeline Jackson

YA BIO JACKSON

Chronicles how Angeline's faith deepens as a teenager, despite the strict Christian Jamaican society in which she lives, giving her the courage to challenge gender violence, rape culture, and oppression. 144 pages

MEXICO

The Girl Who Could Silence the Wind

by Meg Medina

YA F MEDINA

Worn down by the constant petitions of the villagers who think she has special powers, sixteen-year-old Sonia leaves her mountain home and sets out to live a life of her own choosing in the capital city. 244 pages

Travesía: A Migrant Girl's Cross-Border Journey

by Michelle Gerster

YA COMICS 364.137 GER

Gricelda, a fifteen-year-old Mexican girl crosses the border into America with her mother and younger brother in search of a better life. Their treacherous journey is filled with both heartbreak and hope. 51 pages

Feathered Serpent, Dark Heart of Sky

by David Bowles

YA 398.2097 BOW

These stories trace the history of the world from its beginnings in the dreams of the dual god, Ometecotl, to the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors in Mexico and the fall of the great city Tenochtitlan. 300 pages

NICARAGUA

Nicaragua

by Debra A. Miller

YA 972.85 MIL

Presents a broad, comprehensive overview of Nicaragua, including history, geography and culture. 112 pages

William Walker's Wars

by Scott Martelle

BIO WALKER

Tells the story of greedy dreams and ambitions, for among Walker's many goals was to build his own empire based on slavery. This little-remembered story is a cautionary tale for all who dream of empire. 312 pages

PANAMA

Panama

by David M. Armstrong

YA 972.87 ARM

Discusses the geography, history, people, and culture of Panama, as well as the country's current challenges. 112 pages

The Path Between the Seas

by David G. McCullough

972.875 MCC

After the French flee from their canal attempt due to Panama's tropical diseases and torrential rains, John Stevens jumpstarts U.S. efforts to eradicate mosquitoes and redesign the railroad system. 698 pages

The Closer

by Mariano Rivera

YA BIO RIVERA

From playing pickup games in Panama to a career with the New York Yankees, Mariano's rise to greatness has been anything but ordinary. Whether you know him as Mo or the Sandman, this is his story. 328 pages

PARAGUAY

Building an Orchestra of Hope

by Carmen Oliver

J 780.71 OLI

Music teacher Favio works to create instruments from the landfill for his growing children's orchestra. Unpaged

Paraguay

by Byron Augustin

YA 989.2 AUG

Describes the geography history culture industry and people of Paraguay. 144 pages

PERU

Valiant Ladies

by Melissa Grey

YA F GREY

In Potosí, a silver mining city in the new Spanish viceroyalty of Peru, two teen vigilantes set out to expose corruption and deliver justice after Kiki's brother is murdered and the prostitute he loved disappears. 370 pages

Empire of the Inca

by Barbara A. Somervill

YA 985.019 SOM

Explores the history and culture of the Incan civilization, highlighting the ideas and items that originated in the empire, such as potatoes and jerky, words from Quechua, and mobile military field hospitals. 128 pages

Peru in Pictures

by Herón Márquez

YA 985.065 MAR

Introduces through text and photographs the land, history, government, people, and economy of the third largest country in South America. 80 pages

PUERTO RICO

Five Midnights

by Ann Dávila Cardinal

YA F CARDINAL

If Lupe and Javier can survive each other's company, they can solve a series of grisly murders sweeping through Puerto Rico. But the clues lead them out of the real world and into the realm of myths and legends. 287 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. 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

SURINAME

The Boy Between Worlds

by Annejet van der Zijl

BIO NODS

Rika and Waldemar could not have been more different. The child they have together, brown skinned and blue eyed, brings the couple great joy until the Nazi occupation. Through the cruelty of World War II, he will fight for a connection between his father's South American birthplace and his mother's European traditions. 206 pages

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Trinidad and Tobago

by Jui Lin Yong

J 972.983 YON

Trinidad and Tobago are two tropical islands located off the northern coast of Venezuela in the Caribbean Sea, but together they make one nation. Through this detailed text, readers explore many aspects of this country, such as its history, geography, lifestyle, language, festivals, and food. 144 pages

Where the Rhythm Takes You

by Sarah Dass

YA F DASS

Reyna has spent most of her life working at her family's gorgeous seaside resort in Tobago. But what once was paradise is now purgatory when her ex-boyfriend returns as a VIP guest, now a famous musician. 335 pages

Black American Refugee

by Tiffanie Drayton

BIO DRAYTON

After following her mother to the US to pursue economic opportunities, one woman must come to terms with the ways that systematic racism and trauma keep the American Dream inaccessible to Black people. 294 pages

URUGUAY

The World's Poorest President Speaks Out

by José Alberto Mujica Cordano

J 989.506 WOR

Often referred to as the "poorest" president, in part because of his practice of donating 90% of his monthly salary to charity, José Mujica lived his words and proved that you don't need money to be rich. 40 pages

Springtime in a Broken Mirror

by Mario Benedetti

F BENEDETT

Santiago, a political prisoner in Uruguay, was jailed after a brutal military coup that saw many of his comrades flee elsewhere. Far away, his nine-year-old daughter Beatrice wonders at the marvels of 1970s Buenos Aires, but her grandpa and mother struggle to adjust to a life in exile. 180 pages

Uruguay

by Marion Morrison

YA 989.5 MOR

Discusses the geography and climate, history, wildlife, economy, government, people, religion, and culture of Uruguay. 144 pages

VENEZUELA

It Would Be Night in Caracas

by Karina Sainz Borgo

F SAINZ BORG

Adelaida Falcón once had a stable childhood in a prosperous Venezuela that accepted immigrants in search of a better life. But now her country is disintegrating into anarchy. When looters masquerading as revolutionaries take over her apartment, Adelaida must make gruesome choices in order to survive. 229 pages

The Witch's Dream

by Florinda Donner-Grau

133.4309 DON

This is the account of Donner-Grau's experiences with doña Mercedes, an aged healer in a remote Venezuelan town known for its spiritualists, sorcerers, and mediums. 287 pages

Venezuela

by Terri Willis

YA 987 WIL

Discusses the plants, animals, history, government, industry, faith, sports, and people of Venezuela. 144 pages

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Hurricane Child

by Kacen Callender

J F CALLENDE

Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, which is considered bad luck, 12-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl. Together, they set out in a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother. 214 pages

Monster in the Middle

by Tiphonie Yanique

F YANIQUE

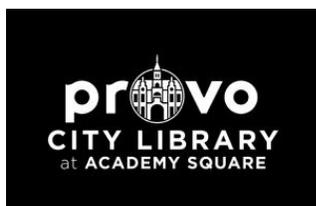
Vibrant and riveting, Monster in the Middle moves across time to show how one couple's romance is intrinsically influenced by the family lore and love stories that preceded their own pairing. 267 pages

The Lesson

by Cadwell Turnbull

SCI FI TURNBULL

For years the people of the US Virgin Islands have lived with the Ynaa, a race of super advanced aliens. After the death of a young boy, three families find themselves in the heart of the inevitable conflict. 286 pages



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