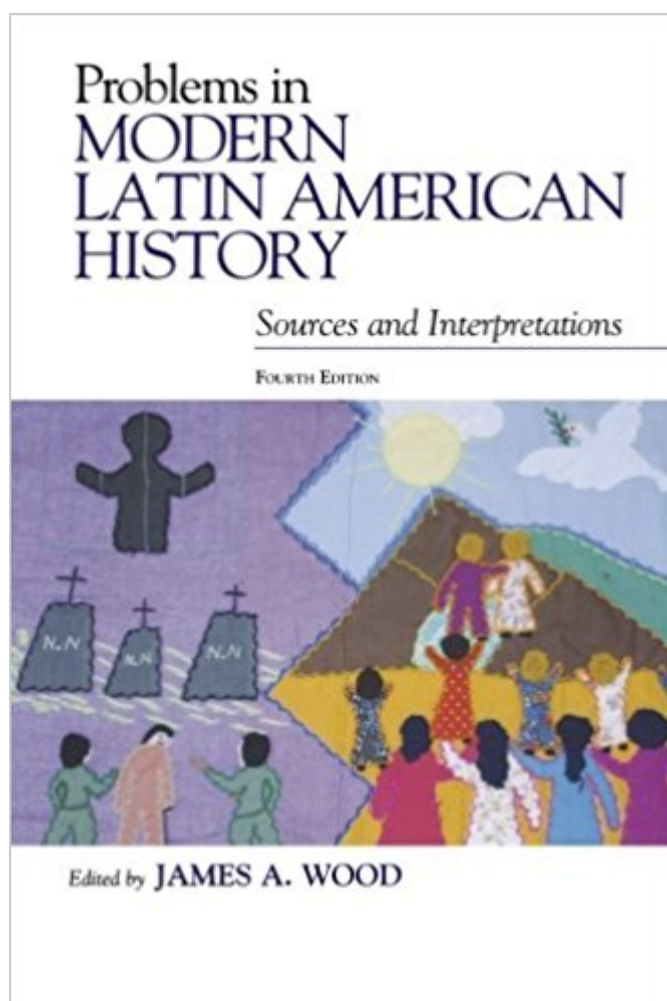


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# Problems In Modern Latin American History: Sources And Interpretations (Latin American Silhouettes)



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This should be mandatory for anyone born in the Americas especially United States. As a black man, I found it extremely fascinating to see the incredibly beautiful and tragic side of the history of Latin America and how the country I live in has rarely helped its neighbors to thrive. I can't help but think to myself, how can you even have any opinion on US-Latin American relations if you have not read this book?? It's absolutely essential. Everything else is just what the US government propaganda machine wants you to believe about our Latin American neighbors. At least we finally reopened our embassy in Cuba. That's the least we can do and my prayer is that Mercosur will be as strong as the EU to really provide a counterbalance to the overpowered United States. My only request to the author is this: Can you please make a book like this for Africa, too? Its modern history has not been summarized like this yet.

Book was practically brand new. Definitely helped with my online class.

Great

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