

Latiné Heritage Month

Latiné Heritage Month celebrates the diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Americans with roots in Latin America and Spain. It also coincides with the independence days of Mexico, Chile, and Belize, and the commemoration of Día de la Raza, a day of cultural pride in some Latin American countries. The month-long event showcases the achievements and stories of this diverse group of people in various fields, such as arts, sciences, politics, sports, and more.

Fiction

[The Sons of El Rey - Alex Espinoza \(coming\)](#)

[Malas - Marcela Fuentes](#)

[Anita de Monte Laughs Last - Xochitl Gonzalez](#)

[Full Moon Over Freedom - Angelina M. Lopez](#)

[America del Norte - Nicolas Medina Mora](#)

[Like Happiness - Ursula Villarreal-Moura](#)

[Mugre Rosa - Fernanda Trias](#)

[Oye: a novel - Melissa Mogollon](#)

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Nonfiction

[Latinoland - Marie Arana](#)

[My Side of the River - Elizabeth Camarillo-Gutierrez](#)

[Relentless - Luis Miranda](#)

[Brown and Gay in L.A. - Anthony Christian Ocampo](#)

[Crying in the Bathroom - Erika Sanchez](#)

[Llorando en el baño - Erika Sanchez](#)

[Magical/Realism - Vanessa Angelica Villarreal](#)

Children's Picturebooks

[Pepe and the Parade: a celebration of Hispanic Heritage - Tracey Kyle](#)

[The Perfect Place - Matt de la Peña](#)

[El Lugar perfecto - Matt de la Peña](#)

[Spanish is the Language of my Family - Michael Genhart](#)

[El Español es la Lengua de Mi Familia - Michael Genhart](#)

[Empanadas for Everyone - Jackie Azúa Kramer](#)

[Dinner on Domingos - Alexandra Katona](#)

[With Lots of Love - Jenny Torres Sanchez](#)

[Con Mucho Amor - Jenny Torrez Sanchez](#)

Children's Nonfiction

[Who was the Voice of the People?: Cesar Chavez - Terry Blas](#)

[Ellen Takes Flight : the life of astronaut Ellen Ochoa - Doreen Rappaport](#)

[Dolores Huerta : labor activist - Kate Moening](#)

[Grande Dreamers: twelve fierce Latina trailblazers who paved the way in the US - Argelia Atilano](#)

Filipinx Heritage Month

Filipino American History Month is a month-long celebration that highlights the vibrant heritage of the Filipino American community, acknowledges their impact on American society, and illuminates their historical experiences. The islands comprising the Philippines are the ancestral home of many California residents. The highlighted book choices feature Filipino culture, history, and accomplishments, offering a valuable opportunity to promote deeper understanding and appreciation of the varied stories within the Filipino American community.

Fiction

[Forgiving Imelda Marcos - Nathan Go](#)

[Murder and Mamon - Mia Manansala](#)

[When Jasmine Blooms - Tif Marcelo](#)

Nonfiction

[Halina Filipina - Arnold Arre](#)

[Feast - Ina Cariño](#)

[The Mango Tree- Annabelle Tometich](#)

Children's Picturebooks

1. [Our Nipa Hut: a story in Phillipines - Rachell Abalos](#)

2. [Maribel's Year - Michelle Sterling](#)

3. [Pedro's Yo-Yos - Roberto Peñas](#)

Children's Graphic Novel

1. [Mabuhay! - Zack Sterling](#)

Children's Fiction

1. [The First State of Being - Erin Entrada Kelly](#)

2. [The Spirt Glass - Roshani Chokshi](#)

3. [Freddie vs. the family curse - Tracy Badua](#)

4. [Everlasting Nora - Maria Miranda Cruz](#)

5. [Adrift - Tanya Guerrero](#)

Young Adult

1. [The Vanishing Station - Ana Ellickson](#)

2. [I'd Rather Burn than Bloom - Shannon Rogers](#)

3. [The Bone Witch - Rin Chupeco](#)

[Lifelines – Leana Wen](#)

[The Salt Path – Raynor Winn](#)

One County, One Book Read-a-likes

Matters of the unhoused, health, and social justice make Tracy Kidder's *Rough Sleepers* a compelling read about life in the cities of the 21st century. The books here, from a memoir by a woman who lost her home and went on a long hike with her sick husband, to a description of what it's like to be a physician in an inner-city emergency room, to a look at the issue of unhoused young people, also make for great nonfiction reads. Pick one up today.

Nonfiction

[When We Walk By - Kevin Adler](#)

[A Place Called Home - David Ambroz](#)

[Poverty, by America – Matthew Desmond](#)

[Golden Gates – Conor Dougherty](#)

[The Emergency – Thomas Fisher](#)

[The Meth Lunches – Kim Foster](#)

[Weathering - Arline T. Geronimus](#)

[The People's Hospital – Ricardo Nuila](#)

[Grace Can Lead Us Home - Kevin Nye](#)

[Be a Revolution – Ijeoma Oluo](#)

[Sunbelt Blues – Andrew Ross](#)

[If You See Them – Vicki Sokolik](#)

Children's Picturebooks

[On our street: our first talk about poverty - Jillian Roberts](#)

[What you need to be warm - Neil Gaiman](#)

[Still a family - Brenda Reeves Sturgis](#)

[Miss Pinkeltink's purse - Patty Brozo](#)

[A cat called Waverley - Debi Glori](#)

Middle Grade

[Shelter: homelessness in our community - Lois Peterson](#)

[Being homeless: stories from survivors - Sarah Eason](#)

[The exact location of home - Kate Messner](#)

[Almost home - Joan Bauer](#)

[Paper things - Jennifer Jacobson](#)

Young Adult

[Cleaning up - Leanne Lieberman](#)

[Gather - Kenneth M. Cadow](#)

[Orbiting Jupiter - Gary D. Schmidt](#)

[Thinning Blood - Leah Myers](#)

[Whiskey Tender - Deborah Jackson Taffa](#)

[Walking the Ojibwe Path - Richard Wagamese](#)

Native American Heritage Month

November is National Native American Heritage Month. This is a time when we celebrate the stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and affiliated Island communities. The book selections provided offer a glimpse into the rich histories and contributions of Native cultures and people.

Fiction

[Indian Burial Ground - Nick Medina](#)

The Truth According to Ember - Danica Nava coming soon

[Wandering Stars- Tommy Orange](#)

[The Berry Pickers - Amanda Peters](#)

[A Council of Dolls - Susan Power](#)

[Cahokia Jazz - Francis Spufford](#)

[Fire Exit - Morgan Talty](#)

Nonfiction

[Native American Spiritualism - L.M. Arroyo](#)

[A Brutal Reckoning - Peter Cozzens](#)

[Native Nations - Kathleen DuVal](#)

[Thunder Song - Sasha LaPointe](#)

Children's Picturebooks

[Being Home - Sorrell Traci](#)

[Grandma's tipi - Nelson, S. D.](#)

[Why we dance - Havrelock, Deirdre](#)

[Autumn Peltier water warrior - Lindstrom, Carole](#)

[Contenders : two Native baseball players, one World Series - Sorell, Traci](#)

Middle Grade

[Jo Jo Makoons Fancy Pants - Quigley, Dawn](#)

[Two Tribes - Bowen Cohen, Emily](#)

[Mascot - Charles waters](#)

[We still Belong - Christine Day](#)

[Eagle Drums - Hopson, Nasugraq](#)

Young Adult

[Warrior Girl unearthed - Boulley, Angeline](#)

[Rez Ball - Graves, Byron](#)

[Harvest House - Smith Cynthia](#)

[Funeral Songs for Dying Girls – Dimaline, Cherie](#)

[The Summer of Bitter and Sweet –
Ferguson, Jen](#)

[A Coastline is an Immeasurable Thing -
Mary-Alice Daniel \(Fulani - Nigeria\)](#)

[Waiting to be Arrested at Night - Tahir
Hamut Izgil \(Uyghurs - China\)](#)

[Return to Uluru - Mark McKenna \(Aboriginal
- Australia\)](#)

[Where Rivers Part - Kao Kalia Yang \(Hmong -
Laos\)](#)

Indigenous People's Day

In Indigenous Peoples' Day the contributions and resilience of Indigenous peoples are celebrated. Learn more about the immeasurable positive impact of Native communities as you read these fiction and nonfiction picks.

Fiction

[Wanting - Richard Flanagan \(Aboriginal -
Tasmania\)](#)

[Every Drop is a Man's Nightmare - Megan
Kamalei Kakimoto \(Native Hawaiian - United
States\)](#)

[Stolen - Ann-Helen Laestadius \(Sami -
Sweden\)](#)

[Aue - Becky Manawatu \(Maori - New
Zealand\)](#)

[The Country of Too - Rodrigo Rey Rosa
\(Mayan - Mexico\)](#)

Nonfiction

[The Book of Pintxos - Marti Buckley \(Basque
- Spain\)](#)

Transgender Day of Remembrance (Nov)

The transgender community continues to face struggles and gain acceptance. This day serves as a reminder of the need for continued efforts to achieve equality and justice. These books are good ways to start conversations.

Nonfiction

[He/She/They: How We Talk About Gender
and Why It Matters - Schuyler Bailar](#)

[In One Way or Another We All Transition -
Munroe Bergdorf](#)

[Raising Kids Beyond the Binary - Jamie
Bruesehoff](#)

[Horse Barbie - Geena Rocero](#)

[I Heard Her Call My Name - Lucy Sante](#)

[My Child Told Me They're Trans - Brynn
Tannehill](#)

[Born Ready: The True Story of a Boy Named Penelope - Jodie Patterson](#)

Middle Grade

[Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice - Mahogany L. Browne](#)

[Lily and Dunkin - Donna Gephart](#)

[Illegal - Eoin Colfer](#)

[Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy - Emmanuel Acho](#)

[Puberty is Gross but Also Really Awesome - Gina Loveless](#)

Banned Books

Banned Books Week was established in 1982 in response to an increase in the number of books that were being challenged in libraries, bookstores, and schools. Banned Books Week serves to draw attention to the efforts to remove or restrict access to books and the harms of censorship. It is also a way for the book community to join together in support of the freedom to read and the freedom to seek and to express ideas. The theme for Banned Books Week 2024 (September 22-28) is "Freed Between the Lines." The selections below are ways to share the love of the right to read and to be Freed Between the Lines!

Children's Picturebooks

[A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo - Jill Twiss](#)

[It Feels Good to be Yourself - Theresa Thorn](#)

[Black is a Rainbow Color - Angela Joy](#)

[When Aidan Became a Brother - Kyle Lukoff](#)

Young Adult

[A Map to the Sun - Sloane Leong](#)

[All the Things We Do In the Dark - Sandra Mitchell](#)

[The Black Flamingo - Dean Atta](#)

[Let's Talk About It: The Teen's Guide to Sex, Relationships, and Being a Human - Erika Moen](#)

[We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide - Carol Anderson](#)

October Horror Picks

Scary reads are pretty much an October tradition for many. Here are some new books you might want to read with all the lights on!

[The Last Word - Taylor Adams](#)

[Masters of Death - Olivie Blake](#)

[Never Whistle at Night - Shane Hawk](#)

[The Angel of Indian Lake - Stephen Graham Jones](#)

[Spitting Gold - Carmella Lowkis](#)

[Extended Stay - Juan Martinez](#)

[Silver Nitrate - Silvia Moreno-Garcia](#)

[Touched - Walter Mosley](#)

[Out There Screaming - Jordan Peele](#)

[Edenville - Sam Rebelein](#)

[Diavola - Jennifer Thorne](#)

[Horror Movie - Paul Tremblay](#)