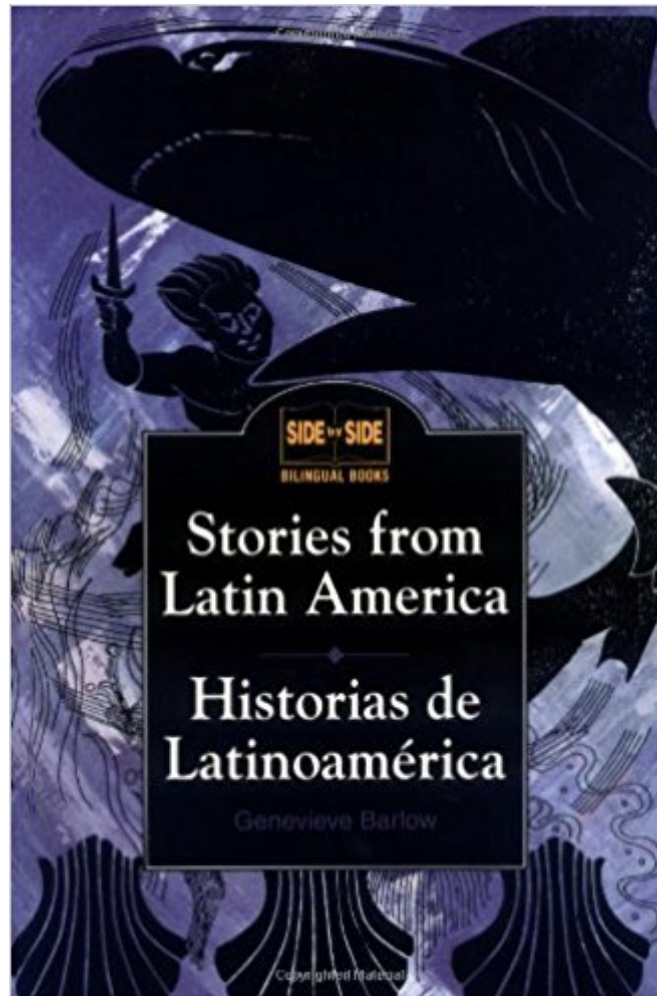




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## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

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I bought this particular book a little too premature in my Spanish studies. It is a nice book for those whose levels would be considered intermediate to advanced. It's not intended reading for beginners. Also, for those who care, the stories are from different regions of Latin America and the differences in slang and diction are profound. For example: words that are common in the story from Argentina differ greatly from the story written by the Cuban writer or Peruvian writer. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but worth mentioning if you are considering perhaps that the stories are similarly written with the same general Spanish verbiage. This is not the case with this book. It is a compilation of several Spanish speaking countries.

I found the title a very valuable resource in assisting me to learn Spanish. As an adult, it is good to read something that is not purely aimed at the younger person. The stories were interesting to me as an adult. I found the level of the Spanish at a standard which was not too complex yet still gave many challenges - a good combination. For someone wishing to improve their understanding and comprehension of written Spanish I believe this is a very useful addition to their library.

I've been trying to learn Spanish on my own with limited success over the past 2 years, but I think I'll make a lot of progress using bilingual books. Repeated exposure to proper Spanish grammar, verb tenses, and vocabulary is far more beneficial to me than rote memorization from a textbook, and sometimes the stories are so interesting that you forget that you're reading a different language. The folklore of Latin America is brought to life by the stories, which cover many scenarios and countries. My biggest criticism is that the dictionary in the back should include more words, and the translation could be more literal, if possible. Sometimes, although rarely, words are used that aren't translated and aren't in the dictionary. Nevertheless, I felt my Spanish comprehension and vocabulary improving with each story I read, and I'm looking forward to moving on to *Historias de Mexico*.

*Stories from Latin America* is one of the most valuable books a Spanish student can own. It contains 16 short and entertaining stories in both Spanish and English. Reading this book is the perfect way to review your Spanish reading skills if you haven't taken a course in a while, or if you are simply looking to improve your reading speed. The book is geared toward intermediate Spanish students (equivalent to Spanish 3 or AP Spanish in high school).

These "side by side" books come in different foreign languages. On one side of the page is English, on the other side is Spanish (or other foreign language). I use these in a discussion group with English speaking students learning Spanish. The stories are fun and the language is easy to follow and translate.

So helpful and enjoyable.

Good book! Great to learn a little about the culture while also learning/improving my Spanish vocabulary and understanding. I think it's great to incorporate reading Spanish in order to attempt to fully understand the language. I liked this book in doing so, but it would be nice if there was a gradual immersion into all of the new words. I've also looked into verb books which I think would be

very beneficial as there are some conjugated verbs that you can't find in the dictionary because their so different from the original word. Plus, I've heard this is very beneficial in really learning to be fluent...Practice Makes Perfect: Spanish Verb Tenses by Dorothy Devney

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