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From Library Journal

Written to accompany a television series and college telecourse to be broadcast on PBS this January, *Americas* is a fairly frantic jump from high spot to high spot through the history to date of Latin America and the Caribbean. Winn, a professor of history at Tufts and the academic director of the series, offers analyses of, among other subjects, the role of women, the influence of the Catholic church, the growing power of the evangelical and spiritualist sects, the three important Latin American revolutions (Mexico in the 1910s, Cuba in 1959, and Nicaragua in 1970), Argentina during the Peron era, and the changing role of indigenous people. The final effect of these essays is a remarkably readable overview of the similarities and differences among the 33 Latin American countries, including the United States and its Hispanic population.

Recommended for all public and secondary school libraries and junior colleges.

- *Nancy Padgett Lazar, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit*

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