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course, but it was a great read by far. Because of this book it inspired me to keep taking Chicano studies classes, on my own. I am currently in the La Chicana class and I love that my instructor uses excerpts from this book. Many Chicano/a's don't realize that we have a history. A history and a culture. I will be passing this book on to my daughters and I will be encouraging them to take the classes as well. 9 of 11 people found the following review helpful. A fast paced researchBy snowy owl booksThe information is priceless as a sort of reference-compendium and salute to Latina and Mexicana immigrants. A good chunk is dedicated to a case analysis of a Protestant social service mission working in a Texas community to imprint anglican values and culture on the new immigrants. Another dedicated cultural aspect explores the affect of Americanization on young unmarried women and the system of chaperoning stemming from the honor of the family having to be upheld by orthodox views of virginity. The book is inspiring in its scope but meanders a bit excitedly like a river through early immigration, americanization and chicana feminism. Starts off slow and nurturing upon each theme but gradually erodes into a more sporadic form. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Three StarsBy CustomerA lot of quick stories told, and so, can be hard to follow.

From *Out of the Shadows* was the first full study of Mexican-American women in the twentieth century. Beginning with the first wave of Mexican women crossing the border early in the century, historian Vicki L. Ruiz reveals the struggles they have faced and the communities they have built. In a narrative enhanced by interviews and personal stories, she shows how from labor camps, boxcar settlements, and urban barrios, Mexican women nurtured families, worked for wages, built extended networks, and participated in community associations--efforts that helped Mexican Americans find their own place in America. She also narrates the tensions that arose between generations, as the parents tried to rein in young daughters eager to adopt American ways. Finally, the book highlights the various forms of political protest initiated by Mexican-American women, including civil rights activity and protests against the war in Vietnam. For this new edition of *From Out of the Shadows*, Ruiz has written an afterword that continues the story of the Mexicana experience in the United States, as well as outlines new additions to the growing field of Latina history.

"A rich source book and an excellent overview of Mexican American women's crucial contributions to labor organizing, community formation, and social movements in the West and Southwest."--*Women's of Books*"Not only celebrates the lives of Mexican women in the United States but provides a blueprint for social justice and human dignity."--*Journal of American History*"In...a stirring portrayal of women's courage and agency, Ruiz's book epitomizes illuminative scholarship."--*Latin American Research About the Author*Vicki L. Ruiz is Professor of History and Chicano/Latino Studies and Dean of the School of Humanities at the University of California, Irvine.