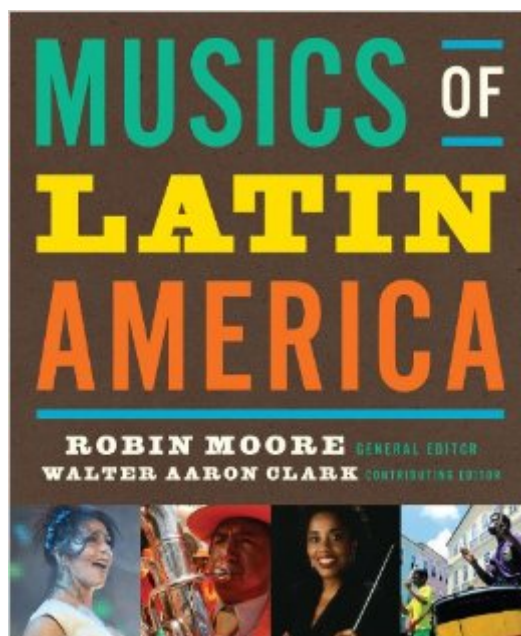


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# Musics Of Latin America



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I'd been looking for something like this for a long time. Of course, even at 450 pages, it can only scrape the surface, but it's nicely done and a good point of departure. If I had it to do over, I'd bite the bullet and pay for the edition with the CDs. It's a lot easier than looking for inferior recordings on YouTube, and actually cheaper than buying them one-by-one from iTunes.

I've used this book to teach both a college-level Latin American Popular Music Class and a World Music Class. As a textbook I think that it does the job in compiling a lot of information in a very organized and concise way. However, I feel that the book needs some revisions. First of all, I find the inclusion of classical music and classical music composers unnecessary. In my own personal opinion the book should stay focused on popular, folk and traditional music; leave classical music to western music history and musicology texts. Also, there are chapters like the one on Central

American music that lack a lot of information about countries other than Nicaragua and Guatemala. What about Costa Rican "calypso" or Panamanian "tamborito"? In essence, I give this book three and a half stars. It's good but there are some changes to be made. Let's hope for a second edition some time soon!

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