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National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year to honor the cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx Americans. While the celebration began as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, it was expanded to a full month in 1988 — it's now observed from September 15 to October 15 in commemoration of the independence anniversaries of eight Latinx countries (Belize, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua).

Explore the resources below to learn more about the Hispanic and Latinx communities, and the impact these artists, writers, and musicians have had on American culture.

Social Media Accounts to Follow

- Daphne Frias
- Maria Hinojosa
- Mijente
- Sara Mora

Non-Fiction Books

- Children of the Land: A Memoir, by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo
- Tell Me How it Ends: An Essay in 40 Questions, by Valeria Luiselli
- Making Hispanics: How Activists, Bureaucrats, and Media Constructed a New American, by G. Cristina Mora
- Finding Latinx: In Search of the Voices Redefining Latino Identity, by Paola Ramos

Fiction Books

- In the Time of the Butterflies, by Julia Alvarez
- Mexican Gothic, by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, by Junot Díaz
- The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende
- The Taste of Sugar, by Marisel Vera
- Next Year in Havana, by Chanel Cleeton

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Musicians

- Carlos Santana
- Celia Cruz
- Gloria Estefan
- Julio Iglesias
- Tito Puente
- Pitbull
- Ricky Martin
- Selena

Podcasts

- What Does It Mean to be Latino? The 'Light-Skinned Privilege' Edition,
 Maria Garcia and Maria Hinojosa
- La Brega, WQXR Radio

Documentaries

- Memories of a Penitent Heart
- Mucho Mucho Amor: The Legend of Walter Mercado
- Dolores

Movies

- East Side Sushi
- Selena
- Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
- Stand and Deliver
- Walkout

TV Series

- Elena of Avalor
- Gentefied
- Jane the Virgin
- Living Undocumented
- Los Espookys
- One Day at a Time
- <u>Vida</u>

We hope you have found these resources helpful! If you're ready to continue learning, check out our blog or email us for further recommendations.