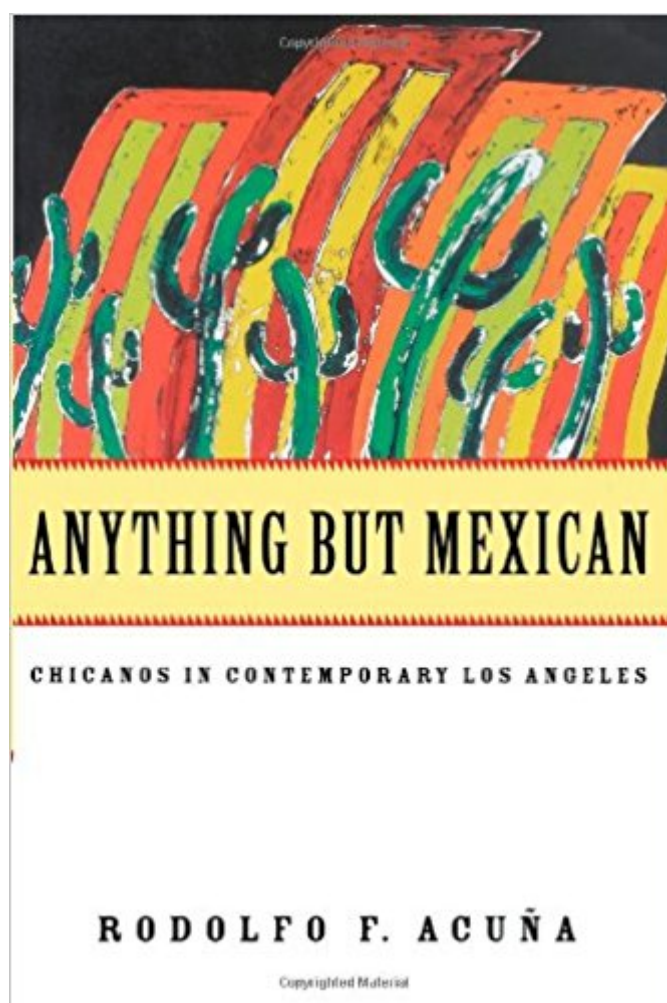


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By the year 2000, Mexicans and other Latinos will comprise fifty percent of the population of Los Angeles. In this new book, the author of the widely praised *Occupied America* describes the harsh realities facing Chicanos in LA today.

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“Anything But Mexican challenges neo-liberal interpretations of the history of Los Angeles which blame Mexicans and other immigrants of color for the decline of the city.

Acuña’s provocative work confronts these historical myths, signalling that Latinos will not be dismissed.” —Deena González, Pomona College  
“Required reading on Chicanos in the Southwest. This book will stand amongst the classics in Chicano

Studies.” —Teresa Cordova, University of New Mexico  
“This book defines important political and social space for Latinos in what has become the capital of Mexicans in the

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“Rodolfo Acuña is one of the foremost scholar/activists in the country, bridging the gap between the Chicano movement and a multi-racial left that is often

uninformed about the growing strategic importance of Latinos in the US.” —Eric Mann, Director, Labor Community Strategy Center, Los Angeles  
“A political and social history every bit as insightful and powerful as the earlier works by a pioneering Chicano scholar dubbed by some the W.E.B. Dubois of Chicano

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This book outlines the history of American citizens of Mexican descent being treated as secondhand citizens in America. It details early acts that usurped personal property from Mexican citizens guaranteed land by American law after the Mexican-American war, details how various Bracero programs throughout history set the precedent for calling Mexican labor during strong economic times and then deporting them when the economy suffers, and outlines the current effort to cast all Hispanics as criminal (If people see your entire group as a criminal, then it's acceptable for you to be punished, no matter what the punishment is). This book is an essential read for anyone interested in equality no matter what your race, gender, or creed is.

I read this book for my Chicano Studies class and it was one of the worst ever. It is just the compilation of a radical's racist thoughts. I wouldn't recommend it.

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