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Scope

The term “Latino” as we use it encompasses all citizens of the United States whose heritage is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central American, and South American.

Chicano coverage is substantial, beginning with the works of those in the Southwest who became citizens of the US suddenly, after Mexico reluctantly gave up 50 percent of its territories in 1848. There are the early Chicano writers, who created a distinctive literature in the 19th century, literary figures from the Chicano Renaissance, and contemporary authors.

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Many of the early Chicano authors’ works that have become inaccessible in any format are finally available here in Latino Literature. Luis Valdez, Heberto Padilla, Estella Portillo Trambley, Josefina Niggli, Sandra Maria Estevez, and Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzalez are some early authors whose literature is included. There are thousands of essays on Chicana feminism and thousands of pages of Chicano folklore.

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