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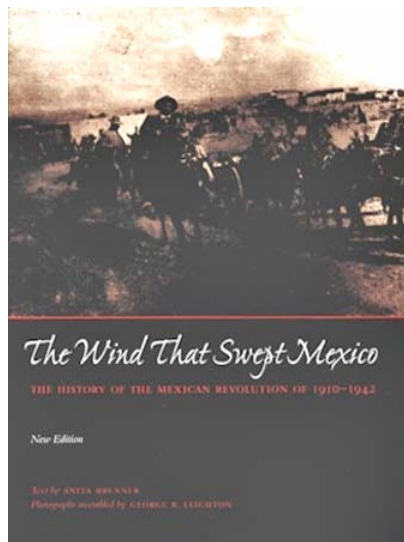
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Book Review



The Wind that Swept Mexico

The History of the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1942

By Anita Brenner

Photographs assembled by George R. Leighton

Austin, Texas: University of Texas Press, 1984. Reprint of 1971 edition. 310 total pages; 184 pages photographs. \$24.95 paperback. ISBN 0-292-79024-4.

With the border problems now facing the United States and Mexico, this book is as relevant today as it was sixty-three years ago. Initially published in 1943, this was the first book that presented the Mexican Revolution from its beginning in 1910 through the end in 1942.

At the start of the Mexican Revolution, Porfirio Diaz had been the president of Mexico for thirty-four years, but the winds of change were blowing. In the wake of the storm, Diaz, the “Strong Man of the Americas,” was out of power.

Brenner’s 106 pages of text skillfully present the reader with a thumbnail history of the Mexican Revolution. Included within are the men who made it happen: Pancho Villa, Emiliano Zapata, Victoriano Huerta, Francisco Madero, Plutarco Calles, Lazaro Cardenas, Venustiano Carranza, Alvaro Obregon, Portes Gil, Abelardo Rodriguez, and Ortiz Rubio, to name a few.

Anita Brenner (1905-1974) was a Mexican native. She wrote the book *Idols Behind Altars* about the arts and cultures of Mexico, and she also penned many children’s books. During the Spanish Civil War, she was a correspondent for the *New York Times* and the *Nation*, and for many years after, she edited the magazine *Mexico This Month*.

The 184 pages of photos are worth the cost of the book. For the sake of clarity, many were cleaned and re-photographed by the renowned Walker Evans. The photographs were assembled from many sources by George Leighton, with the aide of Brenner.

Review by Robert Nieman