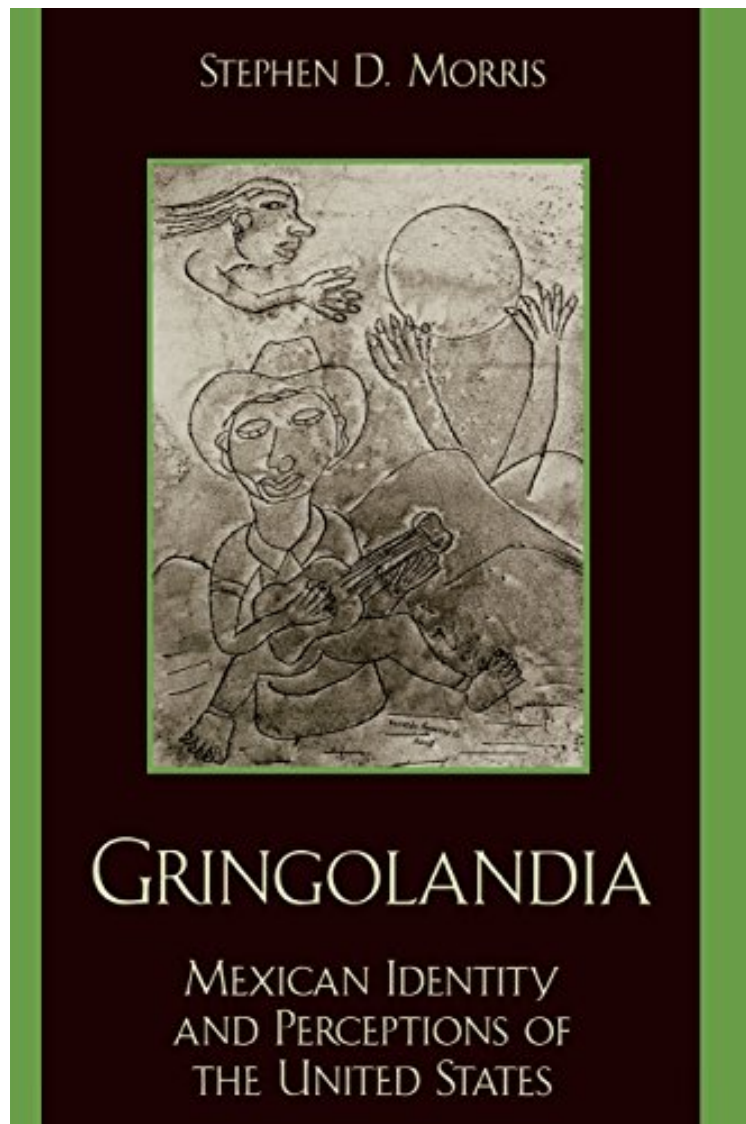


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**Stephen D. Morris : Gringolandia: Mexican Identity and Perceptions of the United States (Latin American Silhouettes)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gringolandia: Mexican Identity and Perceptions of the United States (Latin American Silhouettes):

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textbook style. By Rick Brunson A slow read, marginally written and academically oriented book. Not what I was expecting. A slow and marginally written read presented in a dry academic and textbook style. As a gringo, I live in Mexico for half of each year and am always interested to know more about the approximately one million of us who live throughout this fascinating country. The Mexican people are a kind, generous and warm people. However, Mexican's relationship with their Azteca and Mayan heritage is complicated, conflicted and an ongoing struggle. As you might imagine, their thoughts and feelings about the US and it's people are equally multifaceted. Ultimately, this book was not helpful as it is written in a traditional and uninteresting classroom textbook style. I do recommend "Distant Neighbors: A Portrait of the Mexicans" by Allen Riding [http://www..com/Distant-Neighbors-Portrait-Alan-Riding/dp/0679724419/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=booksie=UTF8&qid=1354031939&sr=1-1&keywords=distant+neighbors](http://www..com/Distant-Neighbors-Portrait-Alan-Riding/dp/0679724419/ref=sr_1_1?s=booksie=UTF8&qid=1354031939&sr=1-1&keywords=distant+neighbors)

Mexico's views of the United States have been characterized as stridently anti-American, but recent policy changes in Mexico-culminating with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)-mark a fundamental transformation in the relationship. This thoughtful and original work answers questions about the impact of these policy shifts on Mexican nationalism and perceptions of the United States. Have popular and elite views changed? Has the government's anti-American rhetoric become anachronistic? What has been the effect on Mexican national identity? As the only developing country to have entered into a free trade agreement with a developed country, Mexico offers a unique and invaluable case study of the impact of globalization on a nation and its national identity. Exploring Mexico's experience also allows us to consider how other countries perceive the United States, especially in the post-9/11 climate. Analyzing the diversity of Mexican views of the United States, Gringolandia contributes a rich and nuanced dimension to our understanding of contemporary Mexico and Mexicans' feelings about the vital cross-border relationship.

Throughout this wonderful book on the way Mexicans perceive the U.S., Morris skillfully shows that while the discourse of Mexican politicians deals with the political present, privileging the issues of economic prosperity and development, Mexican school texts portray the U.S. as historically anti-Mexican and dangerous.... Highly recommended. (CHOICE) Morris is to be congratulated for the breadth of his research, including engagement with a wide and disparate secondary literature, and for the clarity of his prose. (The Americas: A Quarterly of Latin American History, January 2008) A beautifully crafted exploration that will appeal to a wide range of readers. Anyone interested in Mexico will benefit from its thoughtful insights. (Roderic Ai Camp, Philip McKenna Professor of the Pacific Rim, Claremont McKenna College) About the Author: Stephen D. Morris is professor and chair of the Department of Political Science at Middle Tennessee State University.