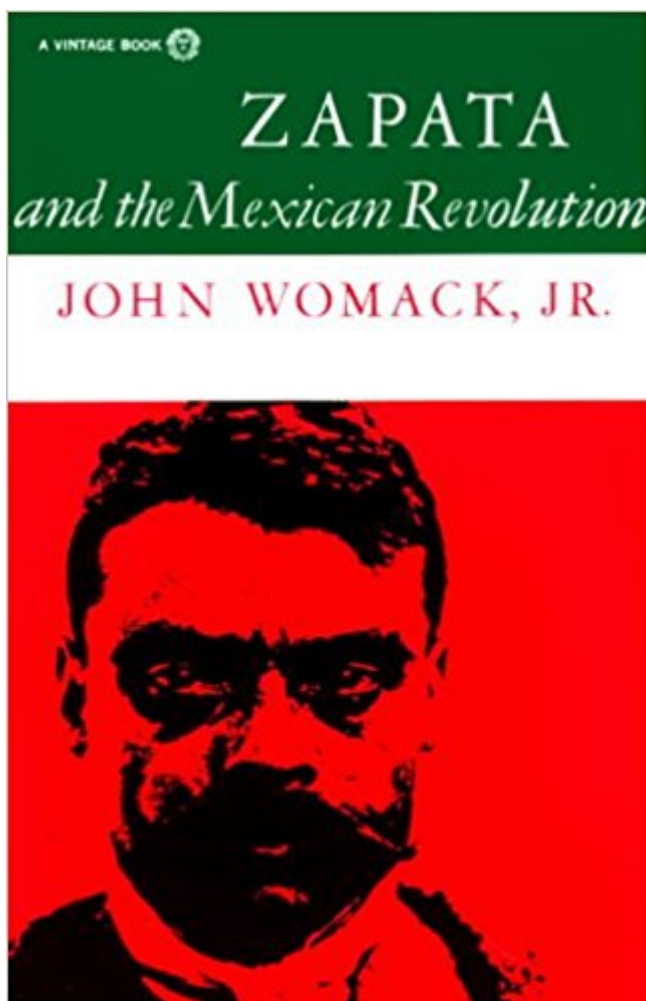


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Zapata And The Mexican Revolution



Synopsis

This essential volume recalls the activities of Emiliano Zapata (1879-1919), a leading figure in the Mexican Revolution; he formed and commanded an important revolutionary force during this conflict. Womack focuses attention on Zapata's activities and his home state of Morelos during the Revolution. Zapata quickly rose from his position as a peasant leader in a village seeking agrarian reform. Zapata's dedication to the cause of land rights made him a hero to the people. Womack describes the contributing factors and conditions preceding the Mexican Revolution, creating a narrative that examines political and agrarian transformations on local and national levels.

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Let me say this is a book laden with names and places that are all but impossible to recall yet the flow and the ensuing narrative allows for an overall familiarity and eventual appreciation of the myth and the man and the truth of the times. Model's struggles are those of half a country or more. a microcosm of the world of the early 20th century when empires were starting to ebb from the

hemisphere, autonomy seemed feasible, but outside influence reared its head whenever instability seemed possible and especially when resources were at risk. I believe this could be a fair view of the struggle as men are portrayed with strengths and weaknesses on full display. One beautiful moment in particular involves watching a modest agri-socialist community emerge out of design, necessity, and desire. A model not for everyone and not for every period in history but a small and simple Utopia that brought peace and relative prosperity to a region starved for both even to this day.

Is a very complete history, but somewhat difficult to read. Would be better with shorter sentences, and less flowery words. Would also be nice if it told a little more about Mexican culture. Never the less, I greatly enjoyed reading it.

I had read this book before, but lost it. Had to get it again it was so good. Best book on Zapata.

Probably not being fair to the author, but since there was some good history in the book I did give it a three star rating. I found the author's style of writing bothersome. Maybe it was just me but I found that at times he confused me as to what was happening. This book is similar in content to the Pancho Villa story by Katz. Both contain a lot of detailed information about the strife in Mexico during the time period. But, I found myself asking for more on Zapata than the tidbits the author seemed to be offering. Granted at times he does cover some of Zapata's manifests, but by the end I felt that I knew little about Zapata the man. If I were to make this review in the manner the author used to detail Zapata's death, I would have been done in the first sentence. For someone interested in details of the revolution this is a great book. Zapata?, who knows maybe there is not better book.

Really enjoyed this book. Gave me a better understanding of what the Mexican revolution was all about and why it took place. And what they all endured just for survival.

Besides being a thorough researcher, Womack has a firm sense of judgment and nice poetic voice. I love his insights into characters and situations. It has the feel of a classic.

It was kinda worn out but what can you expect from an old book. All the pages and the spine was intact. Good

Best book I have read regarding the Mexican revolution and one of my personal heroes Emiliano Zapata. The first 100 pages or so are a bit of a slog but it's background information on the causes of the revolution and necessary to fully understand the story.

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