

# Reading/Viewing/Listening List

## for travelers to Guatemala

*\*The items listed below (books, film, music) are for motivated international travelers to peruse in their free time. These materials are not meant in any way to supplant coursework, reading assignments, or academic goals given by CSB/SJU program directors. Our belief is that our most internally-driven study abroad students' travel experiences will be illuminated by these quintessential cultural representations of the Guatemalan experience.*

### Printed Materials

#### *Travel Guides*

1. *Footprint Guatemala: The Travel Guide*, by Claire Bobbyer & Peter Pollard
2. *The Rough Guide to Guatemala 2*, by Mark Whatmore & Iain Stewart
3. *Lonely Planet Guatemala*, Lonely Planet
4. *Guatemala: Adventures in Nature*, by Richard Mahler

#### *Travel Memoirs and Nonfiction*

1. *Books of Stone*, Victoria Thomas
2. *Long Life, Honey in the Heart*, Martin Prechtel
3. *Love in a Fearful Land: A Guatemalan Story*, Henri Nouwen and Peter K. Weiskel
4. *A Brief History of Central America*, Hector Perez-Brignoli

Travel memoirs are nonfiction works that recount an author's experience traveling or living in an unfamiliar place. Often, they provide especially clear insights into cultural quirks from an outsiders' perspective. There are innumerable nonfiction books, dating from many periods of history, about aspects of Guatemalan history/culture/arts/geography and otherwise. Read to your interests.

#### *Guatemalan Literature*

The following novelists/poets/writers are outstanding representatives of the Guatemalan national literature. Classic works by individual authors appear in parentheses.

1. Rigoberta Menchu (*I, Rigoberta Menchu, Rigoberta Menchu and the Story of All Poor Guatemalans*)
2. Arturo Arias (*Los Caminos de Paxi*)
3. Miguel Angel Asturias (*El Senor Presidente*)
4. Hector Tobar (*The Tattooed Soldier*)
5. Victor Perera (*Rites: A Guatemalan Boyhood*)
6. Victor Montejo
7. Mario Roberto Morales
8. Mario Payeras

### Film

#### *Documentary Films*

1. **Todos Santos: The Survivors, 1989**
2. **Under the Gun: Democracy in Guatemala, 1983**
3. **We Are Guatemalans, 1995**
4. **When the Mountains Tremble, 1983**
5. **Approach of Dawn, 1998**

6. Central America Close-Up, 1998
7. Crimes Against Humanity: the Search for Justice, 1998

*Popular Films* (Name, Director, Year)

1. **El Silencio de Neto, Luis Argueta, 1994**
2. **Estrellas de la Linea, Chema Rodriguez, 2006**
3. **What Sebastian Dreamt, Rodrigo Rey Rosa, 2003**
4. Hija de Puma, Asa Faringer and Ulf Hultberg, 1994
5. El Norte, Gregory Nava, 1983
6. Evidencia Invisible, Alejandro Castillo Close, 2003
7. Donde Acaban Los Caminos, Carlos Garcia Agraz, 2004
8. Casa De Enfrente La, Elias Jimenez Trachtenberg, 2003
9. Saber Quien Echo Fuego Ahi, Luis Crous, 2005

Music

*Classical Musicians/Composers*

1. **Paco Perez**
2. **Manuel Mateo Suar**
3. Pedro Tomas Mateo Velasquez
4. Arturo Xicay
5. Fernando Perez

*Popular Musicians/Bands*

1. **Ricardo Arjona**
2. **Malacates Trebol Shop Band**
3. **Magda Angelica**
4. Shery
5. Giovanni Passarelli
6. Jose Pablo
7. Andrea
8. Antonio Aguilar
9. Celia Cruz
10. Jose Feliciano