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Review

"Covering the movement from its conception, when a few urban guerrillas joined with indigenous leaders to plant the seeds of revolution, Muñoz provides an intimate and well detailed [account of] Zapatista history through the first 10 years . . . The book is described by [Zapatista spokesperson Subcomandante] Marcos as a giant tapestry filled with 'those little pieces of mirrors and crystals that make up the history of the EZLN.' In these mirrors, the reader may see parts of themselves reflected. But the Zapatistas believe every person, and every movement, must grow through their own experience. Therefore, they offer 'a mirror that isn't you, it just helps you see how you are.'" --Sarat Colling, *Political Media Review*

About the Author

Gloria Muñoz Ramírez worked for the Mexican newspaper "Punto," for the German news agency DPA, for the U.S. newspaper "La Opinion" and for the Mexican daily "La Jornada." She has lived and worked in Chiapas for years. Subcomandante Insurgente Marcos describes himself as the spokesperson for the Zapatista Army of National Liberation (EZLN). Marcos says: Marcos is gay in San Francisco, black in South Africa, an Asian in Europe, a Chicano in San Ysidro, an anarchist in Spain, a Palestinian in Israel... Marcos is all the exploited, marginalized and oppressed minorities, resisting and saying, 'Enough!' Herman Bellinghausen is a journalist for the Mexican daily, La Jornada.

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