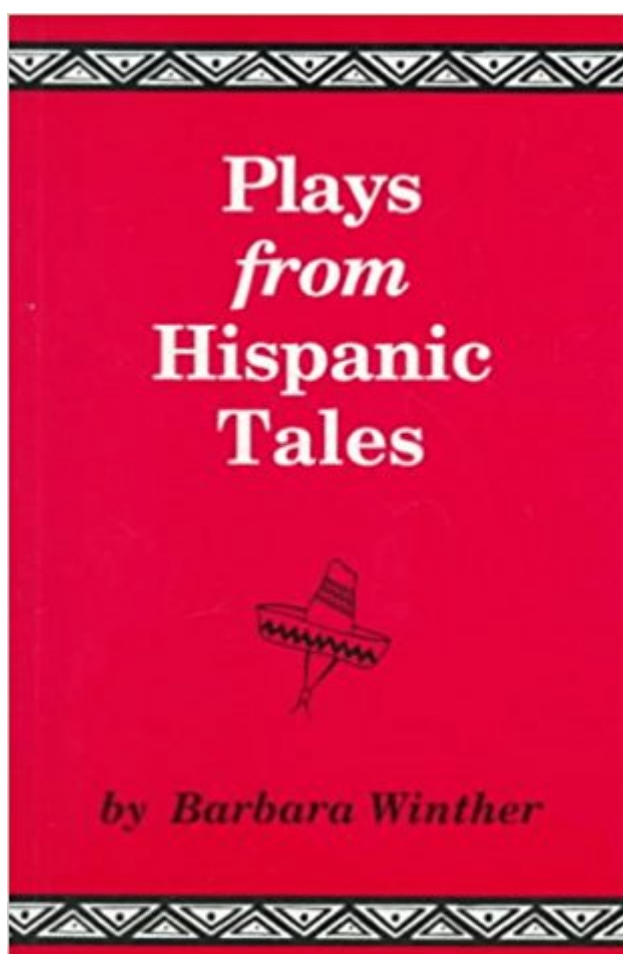


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I purchased this book last spring (2007) for use with my 7th grade English language arts students. Since all of my students were either Mexican or Mexican-American, I figured they'd enjoy reading

Hispanic tales. They loved them!

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