



## Recommended Reading List for Mexico Study Tour

### Books

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***Teaching Rebellion: Stories from the Grassroots Mobilization in Oaxaca*** by Diana Denham (nonfiction)

In 2006, Oaxaca, Mexico came alive with a broad and diverse movement that captivated the nation and earned the admiration of communities organizing for social justice around the world. Fueled by long ignored social contradictions, what began as a teachers' strike demanding more resources for education quickly turned into a massive movement that demanded direct, participatory democracy.

***Like Water for Chocolate*** by Laura Esquivel (Fiction)

This novel follows the story of a young girl named Tita who longs her entire life to marry her lover, Pedro. As the youngest daughter, Tita is forbidden to marry by a family tradition upheld by her tyrannical mother, Mama Elena. Tita is only able to express herself when she cooks.

### Audio and Video Stories

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***Un poquito de tanta verdad*** (2007)

A look at how an oppressed community can organize and overcome insurmountable odds to gain control of its government-run media in order to overthrow their corrupt governor. The documentary focuses on the non-violent uprisings that began in Oaxaca, Mexico during the summer of 2006.

### Articles

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#### **Women Under Siege**

WMC's Women Under Siege is a journalism project that investigates how rape and other forms of sexualized violence are used as tools in genocide and conflict throughout the 20th century and into the 21st. In Mexico, a silent, gendered war is being waged against women throughout the country.

<http://www.womenundersiegeproject.org/conflicts/profile/mexico>

#### **Students who survived Mexico's night of bloody horror accuse army and police**

Uriel Alonso Solís is an affable 19-year-old, the oldest of five children from a poor campesino family. But his grittiness shows through as he recounts the terrible night his college friends – four of whom he grew up with – were seized and hauled off to face a brutal fate that still reverberates across Mexican society.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/24/survivors-mexico-student-attack-guerrero-accuse-army-and-police>

#### **Mexico faces questions about missing students from UN committee on forced disappearances**

Mexico has made a priority of passing laws against forced disappearances and perfecting a database to track missing people, the country's permanent representative to the U.N. in Geneva said Monday

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/02/02/mexico-faces-questions-about-missing-students-from-un-committee-on-forced/>

### **Mexico Tortured Police For Confessions In 43 Students Case: Report**

An investigative report published Sunday by the Mexican magazine Proceso accuses Mexican authorities of beating and torturing municipal police officers in an effort to force confessions in the case of the missing 43 students whose disappearances have led to mass protests across the country.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/02/02/mexico-torture-43-student\\_n\\_6594154.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/02/02/mexico-torture-43-student_n_6594154.html)

### **Mexico insists 43 missing students are dead**

Mexico's attorney general says he can prove what happened to 43 students who disappeared in the southern state of Guerrero in September.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-31013491>

### **Mexico missing: Thousands march to demand full investigation**

Thousands of people have taken part in demonstrations in Mexico City to demand a full investigation into the disappearance of 43 students four months ago.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-30995156>

### **19 corpses discovered in Mexican border state, many mutilated**

Authorities in Mexico's northern border state of Chihuahua say they have found 11 long-dead people in a mass grave and another eight who were apparently tortured and killed in recent days.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2012/nov/25/bodies-found-mexico-drugs-mutilated>

### **Women Dying Every Day as Femicide in Mexico Increases**

Since the early 1990s, women in Ciudad Juarez, a small border town, have "disappeared" or been murdered, and now, the problem is worsening all over the country, with gender-based violence on the rise.

<http://www.cosmopolitan.com/politics/news/a34924/women-dying-each-day-as-femicide-in-mexico-reaches-new-levels/>

### **History**

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Looking for a brief overview? Lonely Planet offers a thorough synopsis.

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/mexico/history>