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## Chiapas Maya Awakening: Contemporary Poems And Short Stories.

By Sell, Sean S. & Nicolas Huet Bautista (editors) With A Foreword By Marceal Mndez And An Introduction Ins Hernandez-avila.

University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, 2017. Softcover. Condition: New. 200 pages. Softcover. New book. POETRY. Mexico's indigenous people speak a number of rich and complex languages today, as they did before the arrival of the Spanish. Yet a common misperception is that Mayas have no languages of their own, only dialectos, and therefore live in silence. In reality, contemporary Mayas are anything but voiceless. Chiapas Maya Awakening, a collection of poems and short stories by indigenous authors from Chiapas, Mexico, is an inspiring testimony to their literary achievements. A unique trilingual edition, it presents the contributors' works in the living Chiapas Mayan languages of Tsotsil and Tzeltal, along with English and Spanish translations. As Sean S. Sell, Marceal Mndez, and Ins Hernandez-çvila explain in their thoughtful introductory pieces, the indigenous authors of this volume were born between the mid-1970s and the mid-1990s, a time of growing cultural awareness among the native communities of Chiapas. Although the authors received a formal education, their language of instruction was Spanish, and they had to pursue independent paths to learn to read and write in their native tongues. In the book's first half, devoted to poetry, the writers consciously speak for their communities. Their...


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