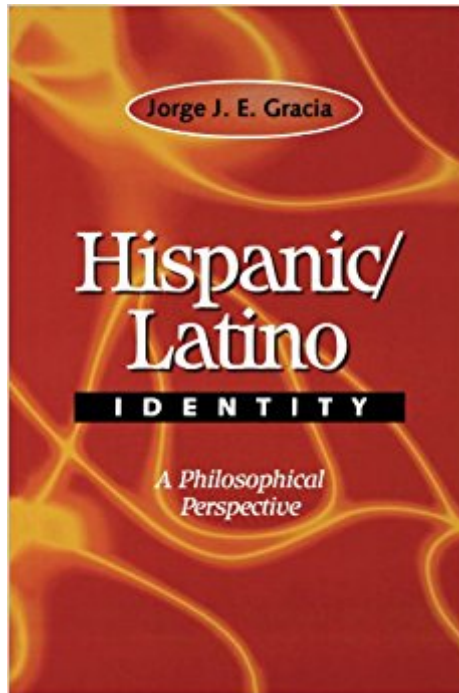




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elements of Hispanic/Latino identity.

As a student who was new to Latino philosophy, I didn't know what to expect from this book. Would it discuss life in Spanish-speaking countries in a worldly, philosophical way? Would it feature an philosopher's ramblings on what it means to be Hispanic/Latino? After reading through this book, I can confidently say that a little bit of both topics are staples of this interesting read. In "Hispanic / Latino Identity: A Philosophical Perspective," Jorge Garcia delivers an exposition of his view on Hispanicity/Latinidad in a comprehensive way that showcases his philosophical background in a creative way. He manages to use the appeals to morality, common sense, and even proof-style logic that a student can find in philosophy classes as weapons at his disposal. Most of the time, Jorge's writing is straightforward and easy to read. In one chapter, however, Jorge does (depending on a reader's comprehension) go a little too in-depth on the logic proofs that he relies upon to prove his point. Still, it does say "A Philosophical Perspective" in the title, so you should be ready for a small share of jargon. If you would prefer to avoid this technical chapter, you will appreciate Jorge's disclaimer and move right on to the next chapter without missing much. At times, the reader may feel that points are rehashed to support Jorge's own interpretation of the subject matter. Still, the book is a good read and should assist anyone in an identity crisis or a state of curiosity surrounding Hispanic/Latino identity.

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