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Led by Emmy® Award-winning series producer Adriana Bosch, *Latino Americans* documents the evolution of a new “Latino American” identity from the 1500s to the present day, featuring interviews with close to 100 Latinos from the worlds of politics, business, and pop culture—including Herman Badillo, Dolores Huerta, Gloria Estefan, and Rita Moreno—as well as deeply personal portraits of lesser-known Latinos who lived through key chapters in American history. The series relies on historical accounts and personal experiences to vividly tell the stories of early settlement, conquest and immigration; of tradition and reinvention; and of anguish and celebration, from the millions of people who come to the U.S. from Mexico, Spain, Puerto Rico, and countries in Central and South America.

Episode 1: *Foreigners in Their Own Land* spans the period from 1565-1880, as the first Spanish explorers enter North America, the U.S. expands into territories in the Southwest that had been home to Native Americans and English and Spanish colonies, and as the Mexican-American War strips Mexico of half its territories by 1848.

Episode 2: *Empire of Dreams* documents how the American population begins to be reshaped by the influx of people that began in 1880 and continues into the 1940s, as Cubans, Mexicans, and Puerto Ricans begin arriving in the U.S.

Episode 3: *War and Peace* moves into the World War II years and those that follow, as Latino Americans serve their new country by the hundreds of thousands—but still face discrimination and a fight for civil rights.

Episode 4: *The New Latinos* highlights the swelling immigration from Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic that stretches from the post-World War II years into the early 1960s as the new arrivals seek economic opportunities.

Episode 5: *Prejudice and Pride* details the creation of the proud “Chicano” identity, as labor leaders organize farm workers in California, and as activists push for better education opportunities for Latinos, the inclusion of Latino studies, and empowerment in the political process.

Episode 6: *Peril and Promise* takes viewers through the past 30 years, with a second wave of Cubans arriving in Miami during the Mariel exodus and with hundreds of thousands Salvadorans, Nicaraguans, and Guatemalans fleeing civil wars, death squads, and unrest to go north into a new land—transforming the United States along the way. The debate over undocumented immigrants flares up, with a backlash that eventually includes calls for tightened borders, English-only laws, and efforts to brand undocumented immigrants as a drain on public resources. Simultaneously, the Latino influence is booming in business, sports, media, politics and entertainment.

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