



Suggested Reading Materials

Bibliography of Books about Nicaragua

The Regime of Anastasio Somoza, 1936-1956, Knut Walter, 1993

The Sandino Affair, Neill MacAulay, 1998

Nicaragua: A Country Study, Tim L. Merrill, 1999

The Country Under My Skin, autobiography, Gioconda Belli, 2002

The Best of What We Are: Reflections on the Nicaraguan Revolution, John Brentlinger, 1995

Contradiction and Conflict: The Popular Church in Nicaragua, Debra Sabia, 1997

The Death of Ben Linder: The Story of a North American in Sandinista Nicaragua, Joan Kruckewitt, 1999

Gaspar: A Spanish Poet/Priest in the Nicaraguan Revolution, David Gullette, 1994

The Gospel in Solentiname, Ernesto Cardenal

Nicaragua: The Chamorro Years, David Close, 1998

Stubborn Hope: Religion, Politics, and Revolution in Central America, Phillip Berryman, 1994

What Difference Could a Revolution Make, Frances Moore Lappi and Joseph Collins

The Naturalist in Nicaragua, Thomas Belt

Nicaragua in Focus, Hazel Plunkett, 2002 - Good brief overview of Nicaraguan history, politics, and culture. Factual, yet left leaning.

The Sharks of Lake Nicaragua, Randy Wayne White, 1999

Travelers' Tales: Central America, 2002

Songs of Life and Hope: Cantos de Vida y Esperanza, by Rubin Dario (introduction and translations by Will Derusha and Alberto Acereda), 2004

Uncle Nacho's Hat/El Sombrero del Tío Nacho, Adapted by Harriet Rohmer, 1989 - A bi-lingual children's picture book based on a Nicaraguan tale about the need for accepting change. Colorful and full of charm, this is a tale for all ages.

Guidebooks

Moon Handbooks: Nicaragua

Footprint Guide to Nicaragua - Two guidebooks with 2005 editions, both very good. Each has different strengths.

Videos

Under Fire, 1983 - Feature film starring Nick Nolte as a photojournalist who gets involved on the side of the revolutionary Sandinistas. Despite improbable action adventure scenes, this film is worthwhile for its portrayal of Nicaragua at war, and the role of the press in covering it.

Carla's Song, 1996 - Feature film about a Scots bus driver who falls in love with a Nicaraguan refugee, and travels with her to war-torn Nicaragua. Great scenes of life in the Sandinista mountain strongholds.