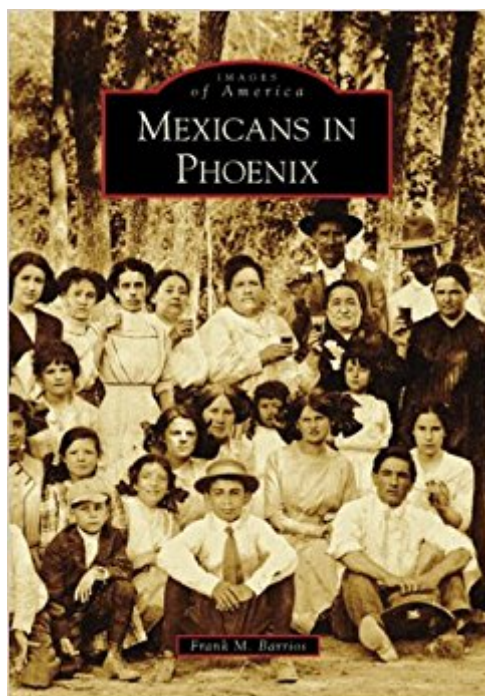


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Synopsis

Phoenix's Mexican American community dates back to the founding of the city in 1868. From these earliest days, Phoenicians of Mexican descent actively participated in the city's economic and cultural development, while also fiercely preserving their culture and heritage in the thriving barrios, by establishing their own businesses and churches. In 1886, Henry Garfias became the first member of the Mexican community to be elected a city official. The 20th century saw the creation of organizations, such as La Liga Protectora and Sociedad Zaragoza, that gave a stronger political voice to the underrepresented Mexican population. In 1953, another member of the Mexican community, Adam Diaz, was elected to city council. As the century progressed, the Mexican American population grew and expanded into several areas of Phoenix, and today the substantial community is flourishing.

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Author Frank M. Barrios is a native of Phoenix and a descendant of one of the valley's early pioneer families. As president of Phoenix First Families, a state organization for families that arrived in Arizona prior to 1912, Barrios is actively preserving his own heritage. In this volume, he showcases more than 200 photographs gathered from the private collections of pioneer Mexican families, as well as his own personal collection.

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Great book!

We purchased this book when we were made aware that members of our family were featured in photos. Having grown up in Phoenix in a Hispanic neighborhood, the book is interesting, informative, and a nice keepsake for our family. The price was also very reasonable.

I grew up North Phoenix. Even so there were so many people I recognized including the priest who performed our marriage ceremony. Lots of nostalgia.

Phoenix, Arizona is a city of migrants. Escapees from biting cold and deep snows, technical experts, professionals, carpenters, students, political and social refugees, people who just want to make a living to make things economically better personally, back home and for the next generation. Phoenix is a global card deck of diversity. Kings, queens, jokers, wild cards aces; mostly variously colored and suited numbers, every generation playing the hand life dealt. Many diverse communities, the most known, Hispanics. For so many reasons. Phoenix would not exist without Mexicans. Period. Mexicans suddenly finding themselves in the United States after the War of 1846 and the Gadsden purchase. Mexicans escaping Mexico's many Civil Wars. Mexican Indians escaping ethnic cleansing by Euro-Mexicans. Mexican laborers of every kind who built and labor at the economic foundations of Arizona's cotton, cattle, construction and service industries. Frank M. Barrios, from a several generation Phoenix family, has captured a snapshot of Mexican history in Phoenix from its founding in 1868 until the end of the 20th century. His image, document and recollection collection is not only Mexican and Southwest history, it documents the roots and history of Phoenix, Arizona, and the American Southwest. I am an immigrant son of families immigrating and seeking security for centuries. I love history. Since my immigration to Arizona in 1985, my move to the Salt River Valley in 1988, my residence in Phoenix since 2002, I've come to appreciate Arizona's diversity. I love history. Like a sweltering arranged marriage, Phoenix was a place that happened to me, a place I've grown to love. When you want to know and understand someone you need to know about them. This is essential reading for understanding Phoenix, the diverse patterns of Arizona's historical fabric and knowing 21st century Arizona.

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