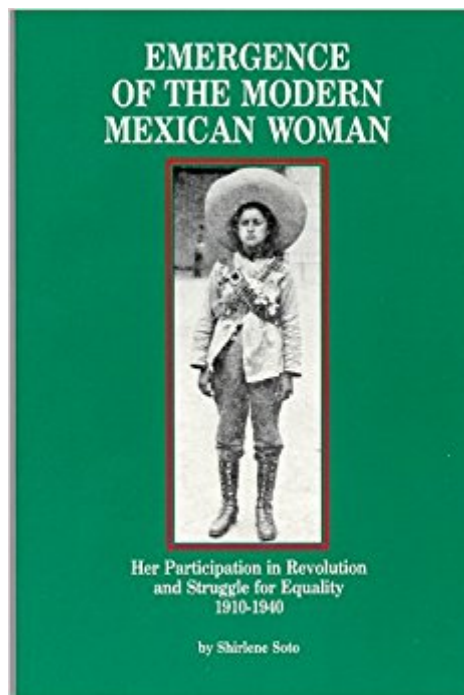




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# Emergence Of The Modern Mexican Woman (Women And Modern Revolution)



## Synopsis

The Emergence of the Modern Mexican Woman is the first book in English on women's participation in the Mexican Revolution (1910-1940) and the Mexican women's rights movement during this thirty-year period. The work is based on extensive research at libraries in Mexico and the United States and on the author's personal interviews with some of the few women alive today who participated in the revolution and with family members and friends of those who are deceased. Shirlene Soto completes the history of the Mexican Revolution by introducing readers to the heroic women who risked their lives in a long and difficult struggle to attain freedom and equality. Revolutionary women set into play an irresistible momentum that culminated eventually in the attainment of suffrage for all Mexican women. In 1974, Mexico adopted the equivalent of the proposed U.S. Equal Rights Amendment. That same year the Civil Code was revised to give Mexican women equal rights and obligations in marriage and divorce. In 1975, Mexico assumed an international leadership role in women's rights by hosting the United Nations Año Internacional de la Mujer (International Women's Year) meeting in Mexico City. Despite these significant gains, serious socioeconomic inequalities persist in Mexico today and are waiting to be addressed by a new set of leaders among the ranks of Mexican women. The courageous revolutionary women who laid the groundwork for the emergence of the modern Mexican woman left a rich cultural heritage that challenges her to persevere in the struggle for equality.

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A classic history of women in the Mexican Revolution brings their role and contributions out of the shadows. Soto did a magnificent job with details of women. I especially enjoyed reading sections on the PLM women, journalists.

i have to say the book is interesting. women are the subject of the book and it explains why they had to rebel against the society that they lived in .women in times past in mexico lived in such horror. the slavery, and the exploitation from the hacendados, the forced rape by the hacendados and forced by them to have sex with other workers if they had a lot of beauty (fullfigured-good bodies, nice faces) at the haciendas. the political struggle the women went thru to be in the political parties, and even in the parties political and attitude chaos occurred. Mexican history has been chaotic and dark and the women have suffered-poor mestiza, poor indian and poor creole. this is the majority of the population who live in mexico and who go against the limits of porfirio diaz and his army and administration. confessions of the PLM women who served in the party tell the reasons why they left the party.different parties, but the dream for women to have democracy in where they could vote, and work,have rights and get paid equally as men had to happen. very interesting. recommended to all readers of history. the book will have photos of Teresa Urrea, and of Ricardo Flores Magon, and Soldaderas (women soldiers) who fought in the revolution. books such as these have to be a must for all hispanic children in the nations high schools. Mexican history is not like many teachers lecture out there-all nice and sugarcoated. mexican history is dark , chaotic, disturbing memories; a time

without a light ...but with hard work the struggle obstacle was overcome by those who wanted to end the dictator rule of Mr. Porfirio Diaz. Porfirio Diaz is the dictator of the country who did not care of the poor at all in that time period.

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