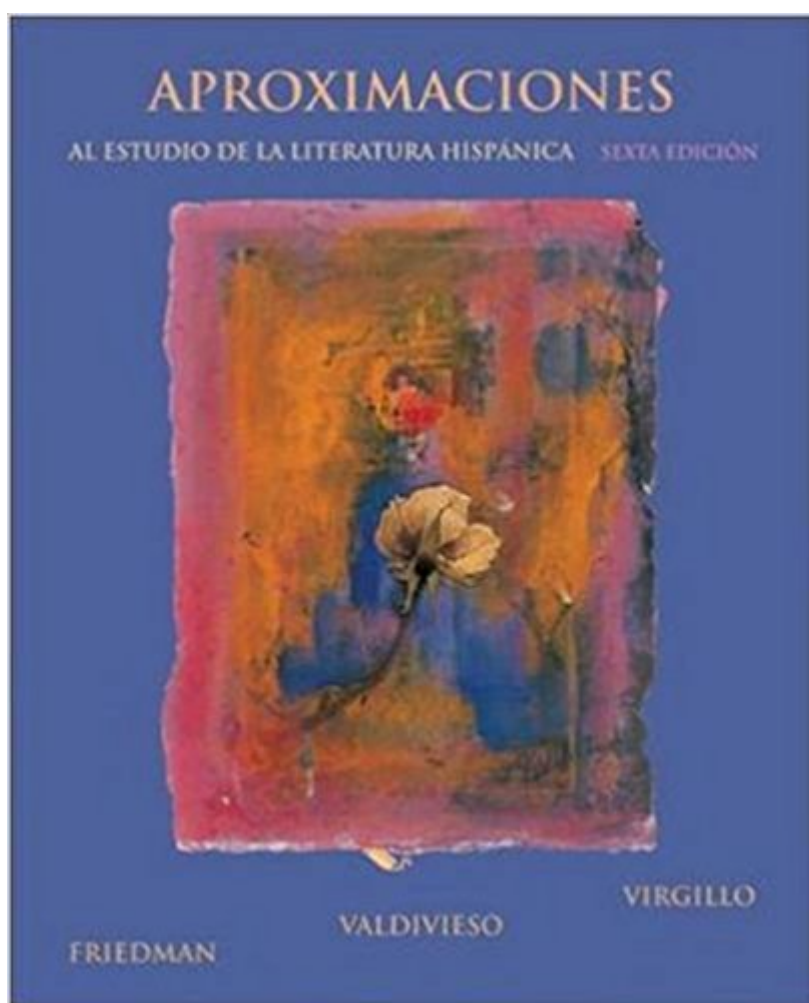


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I am taking a Spanish course in a university. We had to get this book because the course is an introduction to literature course. At the moment I have spent a ton of time reading los cuentos en the book. The stories have been (for me) quite a challenge because they have a lot more complicated vocabulary than I am used to from my previous Spanish courses. I have spent a ton of time in the dictionary to help me understand be able to understand everything. The stories are diverse and the the questions that the book asks after each story helps you to pick out the important details and plots, motives, and ideas of the stories. I think it's a pretty good book for an introduction to literature the writers are from diverse places, the stories where written in different places. I wouldn't recommend this textbook to a beginner of Spanish though, I think it works better for somebody who is pretty comfortable with the Spanish language and who is pretty dedicated to learning Spanish. If you have been speaking Spanish your entire life then this book shouldn't be too difficult for you (I have only been speaking for about 4 years).

I had this book as a class textbook almost three years ago. I still carry it around to read and reread in order to practice Spanish via amazing short stories. I have marked it up so much that I will need to purchase another to start all over. It introduced me to a few lesser known Spanish authors (to this North American student) who are not read in the classroom.

This book has been a great addition to my library. It's a great compilation of well known Hispanic literary works. I am planning to use excerpts of it for my native speaker class in High School. This will help them prepare for the college level material they will be seeing in the future.

I still have the book after all this time. I very useful in general.

I find it helpful as a Spanish language learner that they define a number of the words that are not used in Spanish today. I wish I was more interested in hispanic literatura but so far I find most of the stories boring. I use this book in my required spanish lit class, so I had to buy it! Maybe by the end of the semester I find it more enlightening!

I was required to buy this book for a Spanish class but it ended up being worth keeping. Even though Spanish is my second language I can read most of the stories in this book because of the well thought out footnotes and guiding questions that go along with each story

This is my textbook for a Spanish literature overview class, and so far we have just gone straight through it and not required any extra materials. It is very thorough and gives a good overview in the limited space it is able to have. My one criticism would be that the informational sections feel too long and boring and needlessly detailed when it gets into long lists of literary terms, etc. Overall a good book, though.

I needed the book for my class interesting reading

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