## Read on Your Own

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| **Escape to Freedom:** Coming to America from Cuba—1961  
by M.J. Cosson,  
Perfection Learning, 2001  
José’s father is imprisoned under Castro’s regime in Cuba, and his family escapes to Florida. |
| **Haiti: A Question and Answer Book**  
by June Preszler,  
Capstone Press, 2007  
Readers learn about the history, culture, challenges, and hopes of Haiti. |
| **The Panama Canal (Great Structures in History)**  
by Rachel Lynette,  
Kidhaven, 2004  
This book details the many challenges in building the Panama Canal. |
| **Remember the Maine:** The Spanish-American War Begins  
by Tim McNeese,  
Morgan Reynolds Publishing, 2002  
Readers learn about Cuba’s struggle for independence from Spain and the mystery of the explosion of the Maine. |
| **Your Travel Guide to the Ancient Mayan Civilization**  
by Nancy Day,  
Lerner, 2001  
This book describes clothing, foods, customs, transportation, and some notable personalities of the Mayan civilization. |

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| **El Salvador in Pictures**  
by Francesca Davis DiPiazza,  
Lerner, 2007  
Readers learn about El Salvador through pictures and text. |
| **Esperanza Rising**  
by Pam Muñoz Ryan,  
Scholastic, 2002  
Tragedy forces Esperanza to leave her comfortable life in Mexico and join other Depression-era migrant workers in California. |
| **Everyday Life of the Aztecs, Incas and Mayans**  
by Neil Morris,  
Smart Apple, 2003  
The civilization of each of these ancient cultures is described in detail. |
| **Francisco Pizarro:** Journeys Through Peru and South America  
by John Paul Zronik,  
Crabtree, 2005  
The life and travels of Francisco Pizarro as a soldier for Spain and of his eventual conquest of Peru. |
| **Golden Tales: Myths, Legends, and Folktales from Latin America**  
by Lulu Delacre,  
Scholastic, 2008  
A collection of tales from 13 Latin American countries. |

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| **The Ancient Maya**  
by Lila Perl,  
Scholastic, 2005  
Readers learn clues about what happened before and during the Mayan civilization, and how archaeologists found out what daily life was like for the Maya. |
| **Colombia in Pictures**  
by Thomas Streissguth,  
Lerner, 2004  
This book documents the history, culture, economy, and beauty of Colombia. |
| **Conquistador: Hernán Cortés, King Montezuma, and the Last Stand of the Aztecs**  
by Buddy Levy,  
Bantam Dell, 2008  
Readers follow Cortés from Cuba to Mexico where he meets and defeats the great king. |
| **Marina Silva: Defending Rainforest Communities in Brazil**  
by Ziporah Hildebrandt,  
Feminist Press at the City University of New York, 2001  
This book chronicles the story of one young woman’s fight to save the rain forest. |