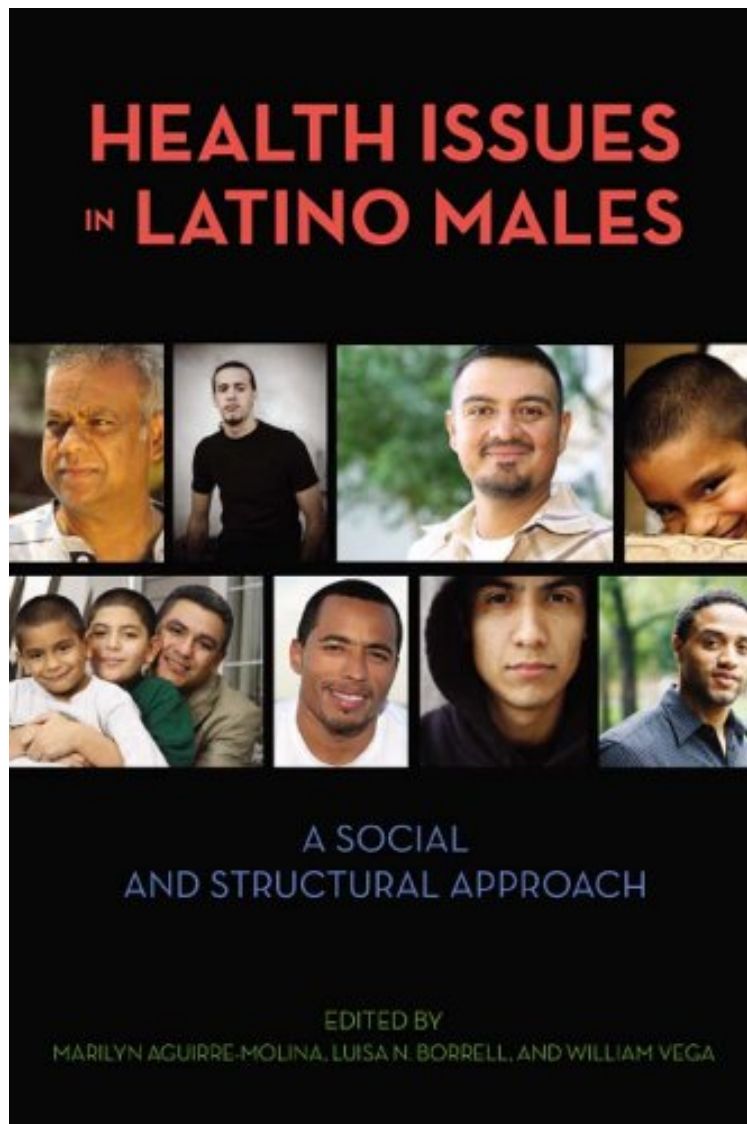


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**From Brand: Rutgers University Press : Health Issues in Latino Males: A Social and Structural Approach (Critical Issues in Health and Medicine)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Health Issues in Latino Males: A Social and Structural Approach (Critical Issues in Health and Medicine):

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By Jeffery Mingo  
This may seem unimportant to others, but I feel so vindicated by the book's title. A decade ago, I wrote "Latino males" in a paper and two Latinos, a man and a woman, responded that that was the dumbest, most redundant thing in the world. They said "Latinos" already means males. Perhaps in Spanish, but I really think if an English speaker said, "Some Latinos are walking down the street," most people would not be sure if the group was all male or mixed-gender. To add "male" after "Latino" just clarifies things. Most of the contributors in this book are Latino. If they don't have a problem with the term "Latino males," then no one else should. Also, to me saying "Latino woman" in English is not the grammatically incorrect, androgynous statement that it would be if someone were speaking Spanish. In English, most adjectives don't have genders. What I loved about this book was its diverse breadth. It spoke of Latino male subgroups (boys, senior citizens, gay men, prisoners, etc.) and access to the health care system. Before seeing the table of contents, I assumed that there would be a Mexican chapter, then a PR one, then a Cuban one, etc. However, this book tried its hardest to include many ethnic groups in each chapter. Almost all books and articles on Latinos stress their heterogeneity. This book mostly focuses on ethnic origins and generational status. It must be noted that a significant section of the book tries to explain how collecting this research was even possible. There is one chapter on race among Latinos. (I'm glad it's there as I know many Black Latinos that try their hardest to emphasize "Latino" so that others will look past the obviously "Black" part of this group.) Almost every author uses the term "non-Latino white," rather than "Anglo," as they want to acknowledge that on the US Census, many Latinos deem themselves white or European-descended. Like most men's studies books, a large number of the contributors are women. Focusing on men was never an attempt by the authors to suggest that LatinA health issues aren't equally important. When it comes to many intersectional groups, one would wonder who gets a comparative analysis. Many books on Black women diverge on whether they get compared to Black men, white women, or white men. In this book, LatinOs get compared to men of other races mostly, and only sometimes to LatinAs. This had sundry interesting info. For example, more than one chapter speaks of a "Hispanic health paradox" in which older, poorer Hispanics have better health stats than richer whites. However, it's immediately suspected that perhaps ill seniors go back to birth countries in their twilight years and don't get picked up in the stats. In this book, it says may group, Black males, actually use less drugs than white men or LatinOs. Assumptions that Black males are a huge engine of the drug problem are deemed highly inaccurate according to this text. I am sooooo glad this book was made. Those in the health field must obtain it. However, it is stats-heavy. If you don't like numbers-crunching, then this won't be your cup of tea. This will not be accessible to all readers, but those who can understand it will find the text highly valuable.

It is estimated that more than 50 million Latinos live in the United States. This is projected to more than double by 2050. In *Health Issues in Latino Males* experts from public health, medicine, and sociology examine the issues affecting Latino men's health and recommend policies to overcome inequities and better serve this population. The book addresses sexual and reproductive health; alcohol, tobacco, and drug use; mental and physical health among those in the juvenile justice or prison systems; chronic diseases; HIV/AIDS; Alzheimer's and dementia; and health issues among war veterans. It discusses utilization, insurance coverage, and research programs, and includes an extensive appendix charting epidemiological data on Latino health.

"The focus on Latino males is timely and fills an important gap in our knowledge of this population. The tone, identification, description, and explanation of various health problems that are seriously affecting the health of Latinos within a social and structural lens all demonstrate a well thoughtout comprehensive approach. *Health Issues in Latino Males* not only contributes to the scholarship on this topic but also serves as a catalyst for future research."