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This innovative collection, featuring three plays by Carlos Morton, spans five centuries of Mexican and Mexican American history. In the tradition of *teatro campesino*, these plays present provocative revisions of historical events.

The first play, *La Malinche*, challenges the historical record of the tragic clash between Indians and Spaniards. The near-mythical La Malinche, who betrayed her country for love of Hernan Cortez but was then betrayed by him, is freed from the bonds of history to have her vengeance. She saves her legacy and destroys the legacy of the conquistador. In the second play, *Dreaming on a Sunday in the Alameda*, characters from a mural by painter Diego Rivera come to life to depict four centuries of Mexican history. Among these, Frida Kahlo, Rivera's wife, finally steps out of his shadow as a woman and artist in her own right. *Esperanza*, a libretto for an opera, tells the story of Mexican miners who labored in twentieth-century Silver City, New Mexico. Based on the classic movie *Salt of the Earth*, this play deftly portrays the crisis that foretold the rise of the Chicano movement.



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