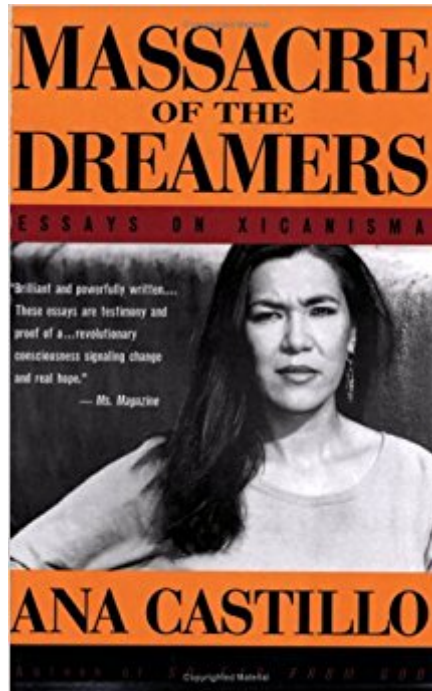




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Synopsis

f the Dreamers points out the omissions and challenges the misconceptions of a society that recognizes race relations as primarily a black-and-white issue. Castillo's essays analyze the 500-year-old history of Mexican and Amerindian women in this country and document the ongoing political and emotional struggles of their descendants.

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It would be impossible to tell what this book did for me, especially during my days in law school. As a Chicana I felt isolated. I was often made to feel intellectually inferior. Castillo's brilliance soared like a flame to rescue my quickly freezing soul. If it weren't for this book I think I would have not survived that alienating environment bound to make me fail. She is not rhetorical but driven with reasoning. When women of color explain themselves we are dismissed as simply bitter. This book explained why I would have the right to be bitter and anger but why I must push forward. It saved my life.

Massacre of the Dreamers is Ana Castillo's transdisciplinary book about the deconstruction of Mexican pallocentric "pyramids," as she herself puts it. By re(w)riting history, Castillo reconfigures the role of the Amerindian/Xicana/Mexican woman, allowing her to draw strength from Mesoamerican female goddesses. In this remarkable text, furthermore, Castillo employs her "own raw materials" (104) as an antidote to male-centered cosmic consciousness that operates in binary frames of dualisms,

dichotomies, and schisms. In resurrecting her spiritual mother goddesses, Castillo, like Anzaldua and Cisneros, reinserts "the forsaken feminine into our consciousness" (12). By exposing the manner in which the xicana has been "gagged" for hundreds of years, Castillo rejects colonization and maps a xicana history with a difference that allows the Amerindian woman's various selves to coexist simultaneously, reinforcing her identity

Castillo has obviously tapped into her power for this one. Her fiction is moving, thought-provoking, angering, sometimes even humorous... but this essay collection is even more impressive. I'm sure some will consider her xicanista views extreme, but Castillo calls it as she sees it.

This book is great totally what I expected. It arrived just like the vendor said with some writing in it. I didn't mind as I like to write in the book as well. Shipped and delivered promptly. I am enjoying the collection of essays. The book is Castillo's dissertation. I find that she goes on tangents and often I feel that her comments are made on opinion rather than fact, but that is what the book is about. I recommend the book as long as you remember that it is a bit dated and the essays are based on Castillo's experiences and personal observations.

Ana Castillo is an inspiration/orguero to all Latin women. A role model for the Latin women, who still find themselves confined to their social imprisonment and traditional impairment. In this book, Ana Castillo through a collection of essays touches on a wide range of controversial issues, which many Latinas-surprisingly-will find they relate to. Castillo writes on topics; such as, Machismo, a woman's sexuality and lesbianism. Castillo also writes about her experiences and struggles with society's expectations in the oppression of the Latin women. Through her struggles, she stays true to her values and never conforms to social pressures. Castillo a true woman in every sense of the word, resilient, bountiful, and amorous. There is no doubt in my mind the Castillo intended this book to give voice, strength, and hope through her words of inspiration and examples of triumph. To those women not yet free, because of their social and religious imprisonment to submission. I recommend this book to any woman who wishes to be enlightened, inspired and empowered by Ana Castillo's ideology.

Bought this, as I could not find any Anna Castillo at any of my community libraries. While the information is now a bit dated, it's a wonderful reference and speaks many truths. Arrived in a timely manner. Thank you!

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