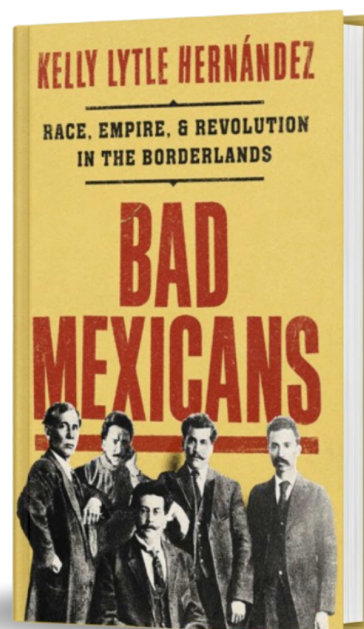


# BAD MEXICANS: RACE, EMPIRE, AND REVOLUTION IN THE BORDERLANDS

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Few Americans today know the significance of Ricardo Flores Magón (1874–1922) and the magonistas, a group of agitators who challenged Mexican dictator Porfirio Díaz in the early twentieth century. But distinguished historian Kelly Lytle Hernández argues their cross-border insurgency, launched from U.S. soil, was a landmark revolt against the U.S. empire and the suffocating power Anglo-Americans held over Mexican lives.

Through protest and armed rebellion, the magonistas ignited the 1910 Mexican Revolution, which upended North America. Their story reads like a thriller, with the rebels evading an international manhunt amid a swirl of love affairs, betrayals, and dramatic battlefield raids. Pursued by the nascent FBI, the rebels wrote in secret code and organized thousands of workers to their cause. Lytle Hernández documents how the magonista uprising, and the failed Anglo-American campaign to stop them, proved foundational to the history of race, immigration, and violence in the United States.



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