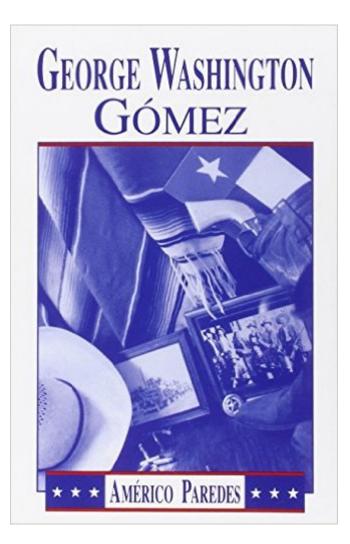
The book was found

# George Washington Gomez: A Mexicotexan Novel





## Synopsis

In the 1930's, Americo Paredes, the renowned folklorist, wrote a novel set to the background of the struggles by Texas Mexicans to preserve their property, culture, and identity in the face of Anglo-American migration to and growing dominance over the Rio Grande Valley. For his epic novel Paredes chose the title that is as ironic as the protagonist's development under the pressures of cultural and political clashes. Episodes of guerrilla warfare, land grabs, racism, jingoism and abuses by the Texas Rangers make this an adventure novel as well as one of reflection on the making of modern day Texas. "George Washington Gomez" is a true precursor of the modern Chicano novel.

### **Book Information**

Paperback: 1 pages Publisher: Arte Publico Press; a edition (January 1, 1990) Language: English ISBN-10: 1558850120 ISBN-13: 978-1558850125 Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 0.9 x 8.5 inches Shipping Weight: 12.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (20 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #172,493 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #183 in Books > Literature & Fiction > United States > Hispanic #13899 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Genre Fiction > Historical

#### **Customer Reviews**

Most readers know Americo Paredes as the great folklorist that he was. Because his book George Washington Gomez was not published in the late 1930's when Paredes wrote it, only a rough draft version was released shortly before he died. To me, this version of Texas historical fiction along the valley border presents a side to Mexican American settlement that few other books reveal. I find Paredes' story powerful and well worth reading. Gualinto, little George Washington Gomez, is the American born son of his illegal immigrant parents; his father is an outlaw of some notoriety. The birth name his parents give him symbolizes their hope that he will become the leader of his people in America. But their hopes take a big detour as this little boy grows up in fictional Jonesville as a spoiled only son in a matriarchal household. With his father dead, the only strong male role for Gualinto is his reformed outlaw uncle. Gualinto suffers the insults and taunts of growing up as a member of the poor and powerless society of South Texas. His family is subjected to the cruelities

of racist Anglos, including the unattractive side of El Renche, the Texas Rangers. Even in an all Mexican American school for children, Gualinto is embarrassed and punished for his lack of academic accomplishment by the spinster Mexican American teacher . Those classroom scenes remind one of the cruelties found in Tom Brown's School Days and the writings of Charles Dickens.Surrounded by love at home, treated kindly by some of the Jonesville citizenry, insulated from the cruelities exacted on his sisters who do not adhere to their mother's demands, Gualinto grows to adolescence and a time of continued social positioning that often leads to rejection.

#### Download to continue reading...

George Washington Gomez: A Mexicotexan Novel Presidential Campaigns: From George Washington to George W. Bush Selena Gomez: BiografÃ- a no Autorizada en Espaà ol - TKM (Spanish Edition) Sab: By Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda (Hispanic Texts MUP) (Spanish Edition) George Washington's Chinaware George Washington's Barbados Journal: 1751-1752 Padre de su Nacià n - George Washington: Una BiografÃ- a de Lectura RÃipida sobre la Vida del Primer Presidente de los Estados Unidos (Volume 2) (Spanish Edition) República Puritana: George Washington y la fundacià n de Estados Unidos (Forjadores de la Historia nº 12) (Spanish Edition) Padre de su Nacià n - George Washington: Una BiografÃ- a de Lectura RÃ; pida sobre la Vida del Primer Presidente de los Estados Unidos (Spanish Edition) First Dads: Parenting and Politics from George Washington to Barack Obama The Man Who Talks with the Flowers-The Intimate Life Story of Dr. George Washington Carver Canoeing the Adirondacks with Nessmuk: The Adirondack Letters of George Washington Sears So You Think You Know Washington State Wine? (2016-17): Demystifying the Economics of Wine (Washington Wine Series) The Washington Manual of Gastroenterology Subspecialty Consult (Washington Manual: Subspecialty Consult) Canoe and Kayak Routes of Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington, 3rd Edition: Including Southwest Washington Writing : Novel Writing Mastery, Proven And Simple Techniques To Outline-, Structure-And Write A Successful Novel ! - novel writing, writing fiction, writing skills - Summary - Outlander: Novel -- (Outlander Book 1) -- A Great Summary About This Book Of Diana Gabaldon! (Outlander: A Novel-- A Great Summary--Outlander Book 1, Novel, Paperback) Colors of the Wind: The Story of Blind Artist and Champion Runner George Mendoza The Mad Potter of Biloxi: The Art and Life of George E. Ohr George Lang's Cuisine of Hungary

<u>Dmca</u>