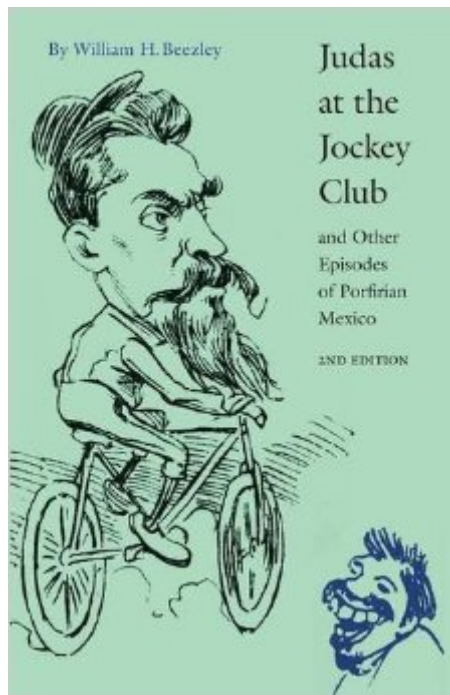


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Porfirio Díaz was the dictator in charge before the Mexican Revolution and the structure of society was clearly coming apart at the seams when he was in power. Beezley does an excellent job of showing how the society was coming apart through various aspects of the culture including religious festivals and life at the Jockey Club. The book is very well written but if you do not know what is

happening in Mexico during the Porfirian period than this will be a hard book to follow. For those who know a lot about Mexico this is a must read.

Very interesting!

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