Delve Deeper into "Discovering Dominga"
A film by Patricia Flynn with Mary Jo McConahay

This multi-media resource list provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary "Discovering Dominga" that premieres on July 8th at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings)

When 29-year-old Iowa housewife Denese Becker decides to return to the Guatemalan village where she was born, she begins a journey towards finding her roots, but one filled with harrowing revelations. Denese, born Dominga, was nine when she became her family's sole survivor after a massacre of Maya peasants. Two years later, she was adopted by an American family. In "Discovering Dominga," Denese's journey home is both a voyage of self-discovery and a political awakening, bearing searing testimony to a hemispheric tragedy and a shameful political crime. Produced in Association with KQED. An Independent Television Service (ITVS) and Latino Public Broadcasting (LPB) co-presentation. An Active Voice Selection.

NONFICTION

Information on the country of Guatemala including its antiquities, politics, government, civil rights movement, state-sponsored terrorism, and the lives of human rights workers is listed below:

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FICTION

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Young Adult Nonfiction:


Juvenile Nonfiction:


VIDEOS

Adult Documentary:

"Also Known As Dominga Sic Ruiz" By Eros Hoagland and Josiah Hooper. http://www.pewfellowships.org/conferences/dv/screenings.html (Documentary on Denise Becker)


"Digging for the Truth." By Caroline Lindsay-Noble, @ 2002 Amnesty International. (30. min.) (Documentary on Denise Becker)

"Guatemala: A Journey to the End of Memories." Directed by Ilan Ziv. First Run/Icarus Films. c. 1986 (55 min.) (Describes "model villages" built by Guatemala's post 1986 government to lure refugees to return home)

"Guatemala: Roads of Silence." Directed by Felix Zurita. The Cinema Guild. c.1988 (59 min.) (Explores the conditions of the Guatemalan Indians victimized by their government)

"Guatemala: When the People Lead." Contribution by Merram Smith and Michael Simpson. The Video Project. c.1993 (29 min.) (Follows the journey home of the first wave of indigenous Guatemalan from their Mexican refugee camp)


"Guatemala: The Blood of Kings." Directed by Joel Westbrook. Alexandria, VA: Time-Life Video and Television. c. 1995 (48 min.) (Narrates the accomplishments and decline of a highly developed culture when Europe was still in the Dark Ages)

"New Directions: Women of Zimbabwe; Women of Guatemala; Women of Thailand."
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Women Make Movies, Inc. c. 2001 (90 min.) (Reveals the power of women in developing nations)

**Young Adult and Juvenile Documentary:**

Maryknoll, New York: MaryKnoll World Productions. c. 1997 (28 min.) (Narrates the story of a fourteen-year old girl whose ancient traditions are being eroded by outside influences)

**Young Adult**

"Dirty Secrets: Jennifer, Everado and the CIA in Guatemala." New Day Films. c. 1998 (56 min.) (Describes the courageous struggles of Jennifer Harbury to find her husband who was imprisoned by the Guatemalan army)

"Sayaxche, Guatemala." Maryknoll, New York: Maryknoll World Productions. c. 2000 (22 min.) (Discusses the peace accords and returning refugees’ hopes and attempts to rebuild their lives near Tikal, the Mayan sacred place)

**WEBSITES**

Numerous websites contain historical and current data on Guatemala. Many are sponsored by local and international organizations and offer ways in which one may become involved in helping and learning more about this ancient, beautiful country.

**Mayan Culture, History and the Chixoy Dam:**

http://www.globalexchange.org/campaigns/guatemala/history.html
http://www.quetzalnet.com/QuetzalNET/MayaCulture.html
http://www.damsreport.org/docs/kbase/contrib/soc211.pdf

**Human Rights Organizations/Global Awareness and Educational Centers:**

http://www.fhrg.org
The Foundation for Human Rights in Guatemala (Located in Chicago).

http://www.rightsaction.org
Rights Action (supports community projects in Central America).

http://www.nisgua.org/
The Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (Seeks responsible United States policies for this area).

http://www.nisgua.org/gnib/
Guatemala News and Information Bureau.


**Rabinal Widows and Orphans:**

http://www.forefrontleaders.org/features/Jesus
Profile of Jesús Tecú Osorio and the volunteer organization that aids survivors of the Rio Negro massacre and their families.