Venezuelan History: A Comprehensive Working Bibliography. Edited by John
$20.00.

Chilean Literature: A Working Bibliography of Secondary Sources. By David
Cloth. $25.00.

The first volume noticed here lists over 4,000 items representing a broad spec-
trum of Venezuela’s past, emphasizing politics, but including intellectual, social,
cultural, and economic history. Aside from sections on bibliographic and refer-
ence tools, and nearly 200 pages on history categorized by periods, this bibliog-
raphy is divided into sections entitled “Bolivar,” “Church,” “Civilization” (literary
and cultural history), “Education,” “Geography,” “Petroleum,” “Population,” and
“Urbanization.” Entries are not annotated. An author index is included.

Professor Foster’s bibliography deals solely with Chilean literature and literary
criticism, and, as the title indicates, includes only secondary materials. The bib-
liography is made up of two major sections. The first contains critical references
on Chilean literature; the second, broken down by authors, includes entries class-
ified as bibliographic, critical books and theses, and critical essays. All references
refer to forty-six Chilean authors who were chosen “on the basis of their historical
and esthetic importance and on the basis of available critical references” (p.
viii).

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entertaining than the contents of many of its entries. Garold Cole, a professor of
library science, has ferreted out an astounding 477 American travel accounts on
Mexico for the period 1821–1972. There is something here both for and by every-
one from A to Z, ranging from Joel Poinsett’s journey in 1822 to an Iowa couple’s
sixth annual winter trip in 1954; from Zepherine Shaffer’s DAR narrative to the
more liberal (and scholarly) accounts of Carleton Beals; from the homily-filled
ethnocentric observations of Ann Eliza Smith to the more impartial detailed de-
scriptions of John W. Audubon; from the romantic adventures of Eliza Allen to
the serious diplomatic revelations of Henry Lane Wilson. Geographically, Mexico
is traversed in its entirety from the U.S. Southwest to Quintana Roo.

Scholars of many disciplines and particularly historians of Mexico should find
this book useful in identifying a wealth of sources for political, economic, social,
cultural, scientific, intellectual, and diplomatic research. Some of the entries are
already quite familiar—many of us have read Turner and O’Shaughnessy, for ex-
ample—but few of us can claim acquaintance with such gems as The Cruise of the
Cow, The Pig in the Barber Shop, Chile Con Carne, or Che! Wah! Wah! or, the
Modern Montezumas in Mexico. This volume should be used in conjunction with
bibliographies on non-U.S. foreign travelers in Mexico by those making an intensive