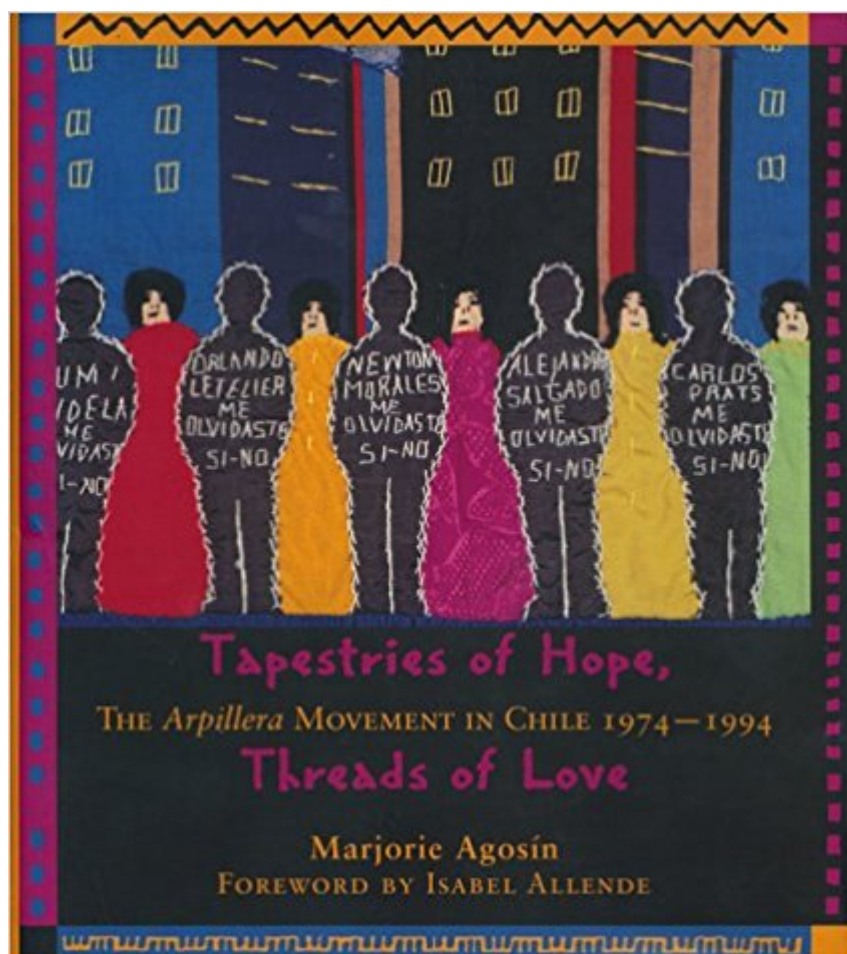


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Marjorie Agostín is professor of Spanish and the history of women in Latin American culture at Wellesley College. She is the author of numerous books of poetry and short stories and of *A Cross and a Star* (UNM Press).

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I read this book right before a visit to Santiago. It's an amazing account of what these families went through. I highly recommend it.

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