Latino Writers and Journalists profiles poets, playwrights, screenwriters, children's book authors, journalists, editors, publishers, and others who have worked to advance the role of Latinos in the United States and abroad. Offering a wealth of useful information, this book profiles more than 150 writers and journalists. Each entry begins with an introductory paragraph on the subject that highlights his or her main achievements and then moves on to a concise biographical profile, concentrating on the events of his or her life related to the field of expertise. Latino and Latin writers have made exceptional contributions to American literary history. For a fresh take on what it means to be a Latina or Latino in the U.S. today, check out these five literary luminaries.

1. José Martí (Cuba, 1853-1895). For Cubans, José Martí is the equivalent of George Washington, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Walt Whitman combined. Born in 1853 in Havana, Cuba, Martí wrote the bulk of his 28 volumes of prose, poetry and speeches in late 19th-century New York. Working as a diplomat, translator, Spanish teacher and journalist, Martí interpreted current events and cultural qu...