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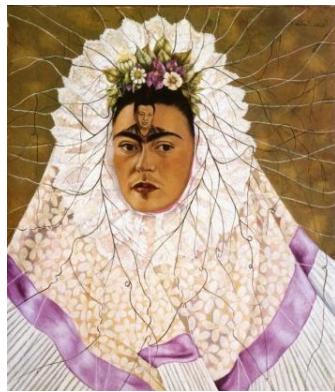
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### Research Guide

Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Masterpieces of Modern Mexico

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Frida Kahlo (Mexican, 1907–1954). *Diego en mi pensamiento* (*Diego on My Mind*), 1943. Oil on Masonite, 29 7/8 x 24 inches. The Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection of 20th Century Mexican Art. The Vergel Foundation. Conaculta/INBA. © 2013 Banco de México Diego Rivera Frida Kahlo Museums Trust, Mexico, D.F. / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York.



Diego Rivera (Mexican, 1886–1957). *Vendedora de alcatraces* (*Calla Lily Vendor*), 1943. Oil on canvas, 59 x 47 1/4 inches. The Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection of 20th Century Mexican Art. The Vergel Foundation. Conaculta/INBA. © 2013 Banco de México Diego Rivera Frida Kahlo Museums Trust, Mexico, D.F. / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York.

Jacques and Natasha Gelman were important collectors of 20<sup>th</sup> century art. Arriving in Mexico as Eastern European immigrants, they fell in love with their adopted homeland and built a collection of Mexican modern art by acquiring the works of major artists including Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, José Clemente Orozco, as well as many others. The twentieth century was a tumultuous time in Mexican art and history. During this period after the Mexican Revolution, Mexican artists created a new Mexican aesthetic through exploration of styles like social realism, surrealism, abstraction and conceptualism and by incorporating a uniquely Mexican iconography.

This bibliography includes titles about the Gelman's collection as well as books exploring the lives and art of several artists represented in this collection. To contextualize this collection, titles on modern art in Mexico and Mexican history in the twentieth century are included in the section Explore More. Online resources have been included throughout the bibliography. In the bibliography below, the items with this symbol: ■ are on display in the library reading room from June 1 – August 18, 2013.

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