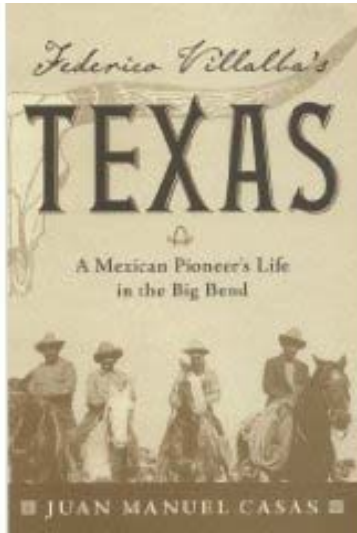


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Author Juan Manuel Casas will speak at Victoria Public Library on March 20th

Author Juan Manuel Casas will be at the Victoria Public Library on March 20th for a presentation and book signing featuring his book, *Federico Villalba's Texas: A Mexican Pioneer's Life in the Big Bend*. The presentation will begin at 11:00 am followed by a book signing. This program is free and open to the public.

Mr. Casas has written the story of his great-grandfather through tales of family history and research and created an adventure of early settlements along the Rio Grande and in the Big Bend.

Federico Villalba, who died in 1933 and rests in the Terlingua Cemetery, met the challenges of land and man. His legacy, and that of other prominent Mexican families, is woven into the fabric of Big Bend history. The time has come to share his story. For more information on the book visit the publisher's website: www.ironmtnpress.com/book_villalba.asp

Juan Manuel Casas was born in El Paso, Texas. He is a graduate of California Southern Law School and Trinity College & University. Juan is currently working on a historical novel that chronicles the Villalba family's life in Italy and migration to Sicily and then Spain. He and his wife, Arlene currently reside in Murrieta, California.

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