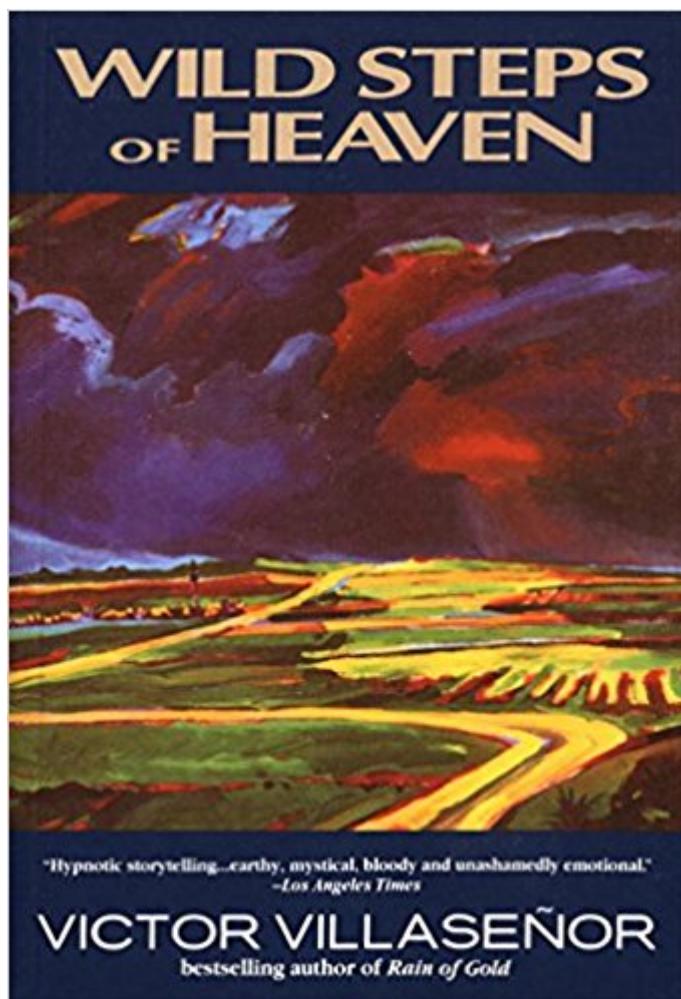


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# Wild Steps Of Heaven



## **Synopsis**

In his critically acclaimed bestseller Rain of Gold, Victor Villase-or brought his mother's family vividly to life. In Wild Steps Of Heaven, he turns to his father's family, the Villase-ors. Against a vivid backdrop of love and war, magic and heroism, the author breathes life into his father's people--and in particular, the Villase-or women\*<sup>Margarita</sup>, the indomitable matriarch who was swept away by Don Juan Jesus Villase-or on the eve of the Mexican revolution\*their beautiful daughters, who find strength and endurance in their mother's faith, and searing passion amidst the turmoil of war. But it is little Juan, the youngest son, through whose eyes this tumultuous saga unfolds. Juan would learn from his brother Jose, a hero of the revolution, how to be a man; and from his beloved mother, how to live and love *con gusto y amor*. A story of madness and miracles, rage and redemption, In Wild Steps Of Heaven creates a riveting portrait of an extraordinary family and the country whose earth gave them roots.

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In this second volume of Villase?or's (Rain of Gold) Mexican trilogy, he relates the history of his father's family in the highlands of the western Mexican state of Jalisco in the early 20th century. His father was descended from a noble-blooded Spaniard and an Indian woman whose conflicting cultures epitomize those of the Mexican nation. Indeed, says Villase?or, "the story of my father's people was filled with so much rage and violence and yet this incredible faith in God.... [It] was the story of all Mexico, and the story of Mexico was the story of the last five hundred years of European dominance all over our globe." Drawing on his father's stories and those of other members of his

extended family, the author reconstructs their loves, lusts, madness, deaths, births, hunger, massacres, joys and heroism in a folkloric tale reminiscent of the magical realism of Gabriel Garcia Marquez. His characters and the events they live through are so outrageous that familiar stereotypes dissolve in their wake and magnetic individuals come to life, taking both the good and the bad as givens, supported by fierce love of the earth, their families, God and, above all, *la vida*. Author tour. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Villaseñor continues his account of his Mexican American family history in this follow-up to the best-selling *Rain of Gold* (LJ 7/91).Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

*Wild steps of heaven* was one of the fifth book I've read of V Villasenor. All his books I hold close to my heart because of the value of the wisdom we anglonized mexicans americans should appreciate. This saga of the struggles of his familia is a heartwarming memoir "not" a tale as I've read some the reviewers description of his books. The first book of his I read was *Burro Genius* and I was hooked! *Rain of Gold* is said to be his best work but *Wild Steps of Heaven*, *Thirteen Senses* and *Beyond Rain of Gold* are all absolutely the best! I can not say enough about this writer, he deserves every book recognition, award that exists. I pray he is soon recognized as the brilliant author, storyteller that he is.

has never disappointed me -- I bought my Kindle only about 2 months ago and haven't gotten a good night's sleep since... I already had a sleep disorder and a reading addiction, and now, I'm not only reading but BROWSING all night! *Wild Steps of Heaven* was as wonderful as all the rest of Victor Villasenor's books and now I think I've read everything of his except "The Snow Goose..." and the screenplay "Ballad of Gregorio Cortez." Can't locate them yet. I'm working on a memoir and will probably try to self-publish it via Kindle. Thanks for a terrific service! The Kindle is truly revolutionary, and when I move to Ecuador I am sure it will save my sanity... Victor's books have already given me a lot of energy.

Couldn't put it down!

*Wild Steps to Heaven* was a real disappointment. I read *Rain of Gold* and *Thirteen Senses* and

enjoyed the stories about the family and their hardships in making a life for themselves in a different society. The characters were well drawn. I couldn't help fall in love with every single one of them. Wild Steps to Heaven goes back to the time when little Lupe wasn't born yet. Much was a rehash what already had been told in the other two books. But what really disappointed me was the poor characterization of the Villasenor children. It was very superficial. The dialogue was not persistent with the way of life in this poor mountainous area. I didn't even feel the desire to finish the book.

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