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The Nicaraguan Revolution: From Liberation To Betrayal



Synopsis

** The full contents of this and dozens of other works are available in Ricardo Santiago's "Socialism and Struggle: Selected Works" (ASIN: B00DFLUDTO) at a greatly discounted price. ** In 1979, forces of the Frente Sandinista Liberacion Nacional, or Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), rolled triumphantly into Managua, Nicaragua, after overthrowing the hated dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza Debayle. The FSLN had struggled for nearly two decades to oust the U.S.-backed Somoza dynasty, which brutally repressed and exploited the Nicaraguan people before finally being successful. The end result however was not the liberation of the workers and farmers of Nicaragua. "The Nicaraguan Revolution" examines the processes behind the rise and fall of the mass revolutionary movement.

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Customer Reviews

What do you call a Cliff's Notes version of Cliff's Notes? If there is such a thing, this is it. The author has revealed little more than what could be gleaned from a quick reading of Wikipedia - even

granting this pamphlet is all of 18 pages long - but with a few added political comments that would be disallowed on Wiki. For my \$2 I'd have been better off reading Wiki.

Pure dribble and propaganda, but is correct about present Ortega and his cronies!

While there 's a bit of history in this short diatribe, mostly it's socialist propaganda. Not really what I'd categorize as "history."

I didn't know much about Nicaragua, but I did know that a civil war raged there for years. When the socialist Sandanistas took power they were demonized as evil communists as bad as Pol Pot. Why did millions of Nicaraguans disagree? Why did they join up with the Sandanistas to overthrow a hated dictatorship? This book gives you a good idea of that. It's especially interesting to read now that a (very much capitalist) reformed Sandanista party is in power in Nicaragua while new civil wars driven against dictatorships are occurring in places like Syria.

Like many U.S. Americans I only knew of Nicaragua civil War from the capitalist and pro Contra view. This short book recounts history of FSLN (Sandinista) as they fought the Somozas' and the National Guard. The book only highlights the achievements of the FSLN. I hope future editions will show the compromises the FSLN made to stay in power.

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