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The Bolivian Diary: Authorized Edition (Che Guevara Publishing Project)



Synopsis

THE BASIS OF THE MOVIE "CHE: PART TWO" FROM STEVEN SODERBERGH STARRING BENICIO DEL TORO This is Che Guevara's last diary, compiled from notebooks found in his backpack when he was captured by the Bolivian army in October 1967 and subsequently executed. It became an instant bestseller. Newly revised by Che's widow (Aleida March), and including a thoughtful preface by his eldest son Camilo, this is the definitive account of the attempt to spark a continent-wide revolution in Latin America. Features of this new edition include: Preface by Camilo Guevara Introduction by Fidel Castro Revised translation Biographical note Chronology Glossary Maps 32 pp black and white photos

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This book tells of the last doomed eleven months of the most courageous and dedicated revolutionary of the 20th century. First published in Cuba in 1968 in a free edition of 250,000 copies,

it has since become a classic. With its terse and simple prose, "Bolivian Diary is a unique account of the guerrilla's lonely fight against armies, mountains, jungles, hunger, disease and death. And the reader's knowledge of Guevara's fate makes the book an even more moving record of the guerrillas' day-to-day suffering and bravery.

I really enjoyed this book because it offered a first-person perspective of the Cuban Revolutionary War. Those who are interested in what made Che Guevara the person he was and gave him the desire to fight for the Cuban people would probably be better off with an earlier book, like *The Motorcycle Diaries*. However, those who want the details of what went on with or around Che during the war, this book is the right one for you, especially if you've seen the movie and liked it. This volume gives Che's involvement with the war in a diary-style form, including dates and places. I found myself frequently referencing the map provided near the beginning of the book to fully understand what happened and why. Che both writes of events in a matter-of-fact manner and also how some events affected him personally and the others who joined him in the struggle for Cuban independence. I especially recommend this book for history buffs because of the above-mentioned reasons. Overall, some of it was rather dry, but it was still a great read.

Che customarily writes an entry every day in his diaries, even when nothing happened all day. He uses them later to write a memoir without all the boring day-to-day stuff. Of course he could not do that with his final diary. At first this appears to be a diary about nothing but a lot of marching, marching, marching. You can get more out of it by reading it as a companion to a biography, like Jon Lee Anderson's very detailed biography of Che. Then you'll know why their 10 day excursion took 48 days, and what happened to Joaquin's troops, or why Fidel couldn't send them reinforcements, and other questions that are not answered in the diary, because the diary is only a little slice of the bigger picture. Worth reading if you are interested in the revolution in a historical sense (whether or not you agree with Che politically).

Typical Che diary/reflection. I liked it.

This book was a little bit of a mystery to me when I ordered it as I was trying to find a book written by Ernesto "Che" Guevara and previously ordered "guerrilla warfare" and was most disappointed. However, upon purchasing and reading this book I realized I found what I was looking for a book with a "storyline" and a little insight into Che's mind. Knowing little about the Cuban Revolution I put a lot

of faith in the author who is obviously biased, however, I found the book very interesting as it is not necessarily a day by day of the Cuban revolution, but a selection of events and the thoughts of a soldier, who became one of the most well known names in Latin American history. I would suggest this book to anyone that is interested in Che or the Cuban revolution. It is well written and easy to read, with the exception of some of the names of his fellow soldiers. When I am finished with my current books I will be sure to order the Reminiscence of the Bolivian War also by Che.

Purchased as a gift & the recipient said was a great read!

wonderful book if you like to read Che's original writings... very interesting book

I was compelled to read this book (and also Che's Bolivian Diary) after seeing the Soderbergh/Del Toro movie recently. I've read some recent reviews saying this book was boring but I don't agree, mainly because I've become so interested in Latin American history. I found it to be an intriguing account of Che's collaboration with Castro in Cuba.

Che writes with a swift but accurate pen when writing about the daily struggles of the revolution. What a capacity for remembering names and seemingly small details that brought the daily revolution to life, sometimes sad sometimes brutal as only Che could recall. He had a brilliant mind which shines through in this memoir.

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