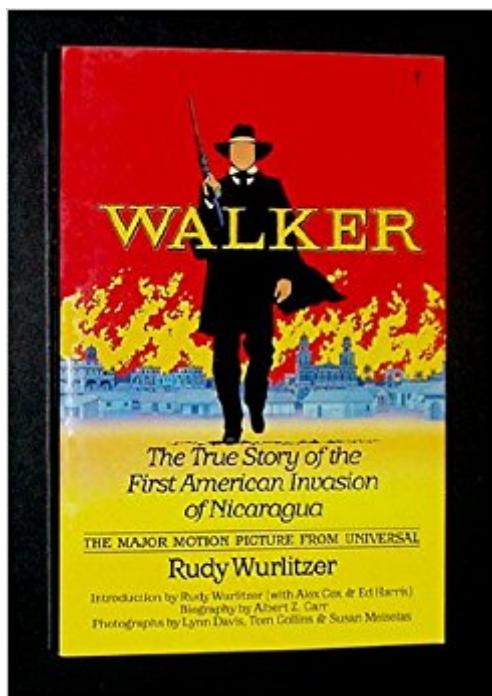


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Walker was a widely known figure in 1850, now forgotten. He led a complex revolution in Nicaragua, had a confused pro-slavery and anti-slavery agenda, was betrayed by Cornelius Vanderbilt and by the Royal Navy, and shot by a firing squad. The narrative is well-written, but lacks an index. Many pages devoted to the movie based on Walker's life.

I've been trying to research William Walker and was hoping that this book would add to the limited published information in existence. I was very disappointed. This seems to be nothing more than a description of the ridiculous movie very loosely based on Walker's life (complete with telephones, cars and Nazis). William Walker was a forgotten, but very important figure in U.S. and Central American history, and his story deserves more than this pap.

There are some minor characters in the annals of American History that deserved better, than what they got. William Walker, physician, preacher, newspaper editor and publisher, and political "Freebooter" is a good study in that. SHORT HISTORY... following the end of the Mexican-American War, the concept of "Manifest Destiny" flooded America. In short, since we, as Americans, were morally superior to all the other riff-raff, especially in central and South America, why not take over a

country, of those poor souls and teach them how to be upstanding and morally correct? To HELL with the Monroe Act (that said nobody could monopolize the America's... except US, of course), we have the ethical and moral right to do so...there you have it.Walker almost got lucky taking over what is now Baja, California, but underestimated the Mexican Army. When Cornelius Vanderbilt wanted a land canal that closed the gap between the Atlantic and the Pacific, he funded Walker, now a popular cult hero (see Oliver North, remember him?) to take over Grenada, Nicaragua and "stabilize" the wayward political factions there... for CV's private endeavors, of course.What transpired was a farce... and William Walker showed us, very clearly, we had no "plan B" in our back pockets to handle insurrections in Central America... we learned it so well... America tried it again in 1931 and during the Reagan Administration...Whoever said that "Those who DO NOT learn from the mistakes made in history, are doomed to repeat them" should have advised American foreign policy makers to read "Walker".The book is both informative... and thoughtful...

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