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Exposing The Real Che Guevara: And The Useful Idiots Who Idolize Him



Synopsis

A critical biography of the iconic communist revolutionary, and an expose of the liberals who lionize him. Nearly four decades after his death, it's impossible to avoid the image of Ernesto "Che" Guevara everywhere from T-shirts to cartoons. Liberals consider Che a revolutionary martyr who gave his life to help the poor of Latin America. Time named him one of the one hundred most influential people of the last century. And a major Hollywood movie is about to lionize him to a new generation. The reality, as we learn from Cuban exile Humberto Fontova, is that Che wasn't really a gentle soul and a selfless hero. He was a violent Communist who thought nothing of firing a gun into the stomach of a woman six months pregnant whose only crime was that her family opposed him. And he was a hypocrite who lusted after material luxuries while cultivating his image as a man of the people. Fontova reveals that Che openly talked about his desire to use nuclear weapons against New York City. Such was Che's bloodthirsty hatred that Fontova considers him the godfather of modern terrorism. Exposing the Real Che Guevara is based on scores of interviews with survivors of Che's atrocities as well as the American CIA agent who interrogated Che just hours before the Bolivian government executed him.

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Fontova gets right to the work of debunking familiar notions of Argentinan revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara; by the end of the preface, he's pinned 14,000 executions on Guevara and credited

positive portrayals to the public relations work of Castro and the laziness of biographers. The critical attack continues throughout, combining the testimonies of former revolutionaries and Cuban refugees to assemble a damning portrait of a man lauded by everyone from Jean-Paul Sartre to Jon Lee Anderson. According to Fontova, the real Che was "a revolutionary Ringo Starr" who "fell in with the right bunch and rode their coattails to world fame." Presenting a failed physician, an inept guerrilla and a hapless sycophant, Fontova adds insult to injury by claiming Che was "deathly afraid to drive a motorcycle." Fontova's charged language keeps things interesting, if occasionally dubious; midway through the book, after asserting that Che enjoyed killing dogs, Fontova concedes that, "You might put down your book here and think, this has to be propaganda." Though propaganda probably colors any consideration of this controversial figure, Fontova makes a convincing case that, in the words of one former political prisoner, "There was something seriously wrong with Che Guevara." Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Humberto Fontova, who left Cuba in 1961 at age seven, has written for several conservative magazines and is the author of *Fidel: Hollywood's Favorite Tyrant*. He has appeared on many radio and television shows and is active in the Cuban American community.

Informative and well-written. If you're using it for a reference, the layout lends itself to easy browsing. If you're reading it to learn more about Ernesto Guevara, you'll have trouble putting it down.

This book should be required reading for anyone who is serious about learning history and learning about our media. It is easy to read but hard to take because of the testimonies of the families involved. Highly recommend.

Exposes what a murderer Che was and the disinformation and lies that have been promulgated about him....

I long suspected Ernesto Guevara to be a bit sketchy. I had no idea. This book documents, with a lot of sources, all the sadistic and cruel ways of "Che". The book is easy to read and very informative. I highly recommend it to anyone seeking the truth about Cuba, and the plight of its people.

A must read for all those that choose to romanticize communism and it's brutal practitioners. Fontova's research and first hand accounts of Guevara are horrifying and enlightening.

The author wrote a very accurate book but sadly he sprinkled it with his hatred-of-liberal-baiting. I am not a fan of Che at all and I appreciate the accuracy at recording the person who has been supported by so many but because of his attacks, it takes away from the message of Che being a killing machine who was a moron and completely inept. In that sense, it does open up discussions with my students about writing accurate, academic papers.

I remember the times, and this book drives home the reality vs. the Myth. I have met many people from Cuba who lived and confirm much of the facts. The author does a better job than just stories, he finds the facts and documents.

A must read. Please do not just be a Useful Idiot, read what this man was really all about. He was a killer, a despot, and an oppressor of the Cuban people.

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