

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FIDEL CASTRO

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Discover the history of the Cuban Revolution and its "soldier of ideas", Fidel Castro, the most controversial Latin American leader of the 20th Century. Relive the revolutionary political movement in Cuba as led by its key strategist, a rebel with a cause and architect behind a project that once inspired a whole generation of people, but that today only elicits mixed emotions and feelings of disillusionment.

Synopsis

A Brief History of Fidel Castro offers a historic overview of this Cuban leader's life from the perspective of a journalist who participated firsthand in the Cuban Revolution and who was a direct witness to many of the events mentioned in the book. This book details some of the darker aspects of his life, like the role Fidel played in the death of Che and in the mysterious and opportune death of Camilo Cienfuegos, as well as the illicit drug trafficking that was coordinated from the central offices of the Interior Ministry.

Juan Carlos Rivera Quintana dispassionately narrates the improvised and practical development of Castro's political project, its global repercussion, and its internal impact on the Cuban people. The book covers all the important events in Castro's life: the assault on Moncada Barracks, the journey on the Granma yacht and the attack from the Sierra Maestra mountains, the rise to power, the Bay of Pigs invasion and the victory at the Playa Giron Beach, the Cuban missile crisis, intervention in the war in Angola, the visit of the Pope, Fidel's illness, the handing over of power to Raul, etc.

Biography

Juan Carlos Rivera Quintana (Cuba, 1960) is a writer, journalist, and university professor. He received his degree in arts and sciences from the University of Havana in 1978 and five years later he earned another degree in journalism. Later on he earned his masters in planification and management of communication processes from the National University of la Plata in Argentina.

As a journalist he has covered the visits to Cuba of various foreign heads of state, including those of Mikhail Gorbachev, Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, Daniel Ortega and Felipe Gonzalez. In 1996 he received the Félix Elmuza Medal awarded by the Association of Cuban Journalists for his distinguished professional career. He has also been the recipient of other professional honors in recognition of his coverage of international conflicts and wars. In 2006 he was awarded the Second Latin American Health Journalism Award by OMS-OPS and the New Journalism Foundation, which is run by Gabriel Garcia Marquez in Cartagena, Colombia. As a writer, he has seen several of his books published, including the recent A Brief History of Charlemagne: The Sacred Roman-Germanic Empire (Nowtilus).

Sales Pitch

AUTHOR: Juan Carlos Rivera is a Cuban who participated actively in the Cuban Revolution. He was also a first-hand witness to the major happenings during that dramatic period.

CURRENT: The book offers a close look at the events affecting the island today. As such, it analyzes both Fidel and Raúl Castro, thereby giving the reader a better understanding of current events in Cuba.

THOROUGH ANALYSIS: Besides focusing on the most important figures during the Revolution, including Fidel, the book explains and analyzes the events that led to the outbreak and triumph of this historic movement.

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