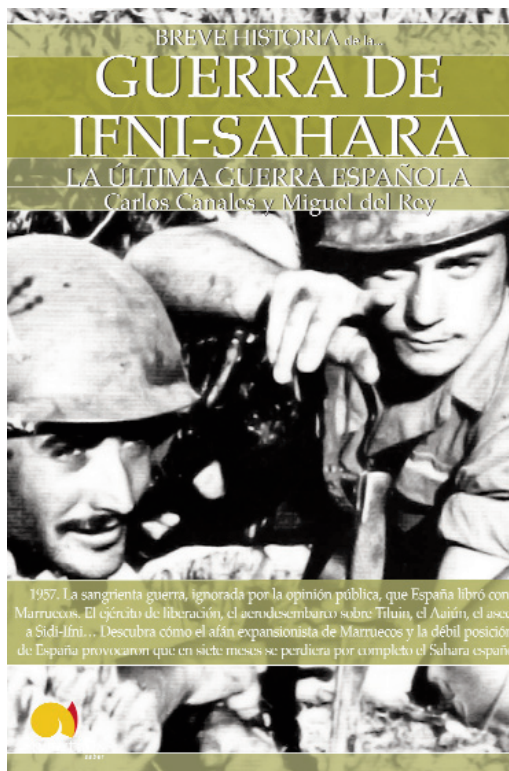


# BRIEF HISTORY OF THE IFNI WAR

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In 1957 Spain initiated a bloody war with Morocco, one that was largely ignored by the Spanish public. Learn about the Moroccan Army of Liberation, the aerial assault on Tíluin, El Aaiún, the siege of Sidi Ifni, and other key events during this period.

## Synopsis

In the middle of the 20th century, Morocco developed an expansionist plan to take advantage of the weak international position of Spain and to conquer Spanish Sahara in seven months. This war, which went largely unnoticed among the Spanish public, was one of the bloodiest for the Spanish army: 300 dead from a battalion of 8,000 soldiers. The ineptitude and inefficiency of the high ranking Spanish officials provoked defeat from the very beginning. Not even the visits of celebrities like Gila or Carmen Sevilla were enough to inspire the demoralized troops. Even the most equipped naval fleets could barely withstand the siege on Spanish Sahara. As a result, Spain quickly lost its colonies in Africa.

Take an inside look at this thrilling period of history with the help of two experts, Carlos Canales and Miguel del Rey, who relate this last Spanish-Moroccan confrontation in a reader friendly, but intellectually sound manner.

## Biography

**Carlos Canales** is a lawyer and writer. As a specialist in modern history, he has written dozens of articles and books such as *The First Carlist War (1833-1840): Arms, uniforms and flags*, and *A Brief history of the War of Independence (1808-1814)*. He is a member of the Spanish Napoleonic Association and has directed the journal *Ristre Napoleónico*. Currently he is part of the North American historical project team, Edge & Cleaver.

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## Sales pitch

Carlos Canales and Miguel del Rey are **expert historians** who bring a modern perspective to their work by analyzing the most recent historical findings and theories and by explaining them in an easy to understand manner.

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