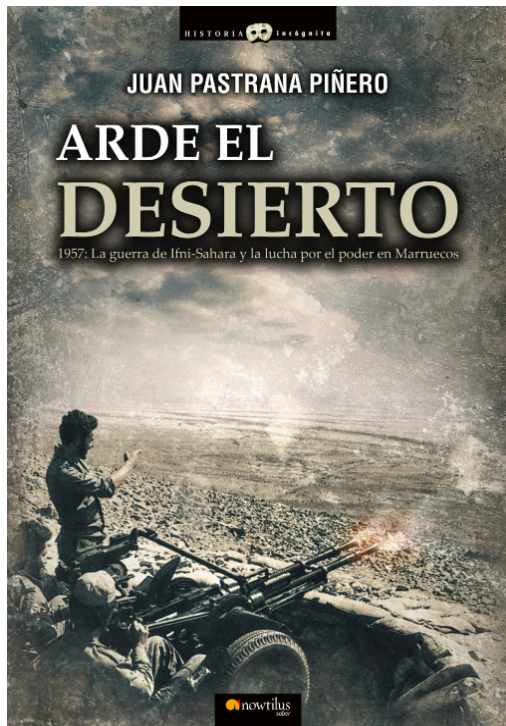


# THE DESERT IS BURNING IFNI WAR

## Historical essay

Juan Pastrana

1957: Ifni war and the fight for power in Morocco. The authentic military and political history of the last military colonial Spanish conflict, and the fight for the political power within the newly independent Morocco



### Synopsis

The authentic military and political history of the last military colonial Spanish conflict, and the fight for the political power within the newly independent Morocco. From the political events that led to war, the development of the military operations, and the last years of the colony of Ifni, until the deliverance to Morocco, and analysis of the post-war situation in the area. A thorough work based on previously ignored or classified documentation.

Learn about the latest Spanish colonial conflict in a work that not only analyses it in a military way, but also delves into existing political reasons: both in the Moroccan domestic policy, as on the Foreign Spanish Policy following the outbreak of hostilities, as well as the impact after the high fire.

*The Desert is Burning-Ifni War* and the fight for power in Morocco is a balanced and realistic work in which all them publications on the theme are thoroughly analysed, as well as the research made, it brings to light previously ignored or classified documentation. In addition, it deals with some controversial subjects such as the Spanish support to the Moroccan independence movements against France, or the contradictory actions of Franco's Minister Carrero Blanco.

In this work, the historian Juan Pastrana analyses the conflict that confronted Spain, France, and the so-called Moroccan Army of Liberation, not only from a military point of view, but looking for which were the deep reasons for that outbreak of violence, as well as the impact of the conflict in the territories of Spanish sovereignty until its complete incorporation to Morocco.

### Biography

**Juan Pastrana** is PhD in History and owns a Master in World History by the Pompeu Fabra University. He is a leading member of the Spanish Association of Military History, expert in the Case Blue, and has given lectures on military themes of world War II.

He has participated in several chapters of the collective works: «The Spanish Army in the Ifni-Sahara War». In: Puell of the Villa, Fernando and Viñas Martín, Ángel (eds.). «Military History Today: research and trends», Madrid, 2015 and «The Plan Madrid and the Ifni-Sahara War». In: Puell of the Villa, Fernando and Alda Mejías, Sonia (eds.). «The armies of the Francoism» (1939-1975), Madrid, 2014. He is the author of *Operation Case Blue*.



### Sales pitch

- This essay describes rigorously and with a global balanced and realistic approach, the last Spanish colonial conflict. In addition to military analysis the author explores existing in the political causes and the political repercussions, for the civilian population, and the diplomatic-foreign relationships of the ceasefire regime.

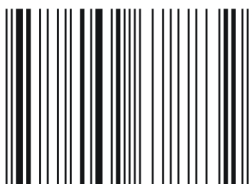
- The author has made an thorough analysis of all the published material on this topic; of unpublished Spanish, American and French sources.

- The work brings out the controversial points on the conflict, such as the Spanish support to pro-independence Moroccan movements against France, or the contradictory action of Franco's Minister Carrero Blanco.

- The work is lavishly illustrated with maps of the area, and explanatory tables that will help to a better understanding of this confrontation.

- Juan Pastrana, its author, holds a PhD in History and a Master's Degree in World History by the Pompeu Fabra University. He is an outstanding member of the Spanish Association of Military History, and an expert in the conflict of Ifni-Sahara. He has published numerous scholarly articles, chapters in collective works, and essays, on this conflict, and lectured on the subject at a university level.

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