Synopsis

A telling indictment of the U.S. policy of attempting to destabilize Nicaragua through a campaign of terror directed at its people. The testimony of the victims of contra attacks exposes the policy of torture, murder, rape, kidnapping, and random violence employed by the people Ronald Reagan describes as "the moral equals of our founding fathers".

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Customer Reviews

This is an important historical record. Don't expect any lavish prose or entertaining reading. This is "just the facts", documenting case after case of attacks against civilians by lavishly US funded and orchestrated Contra forces in the 1980's. In the book, you get an introductory explanation of the methods and sources for the information, followed by background information of the political climate. Then you get a number of selected individual cases of attacks on civilians that are thoroughly detailed with names, dates and descriptions. Each of these stories is told over a couple pages each. Lastly are a chronology of Contra attacks on civilians between 1981 and 1984 which seems to list a couple hundred instances with a short description of each, and the source notes. Many cases are compiled from the reports of groups like America's Watch, Center for Constitutional Rights, Washington Office on Latin America...etc. Many are compiled from eye-witness and victim's affidavits, and from the extensive report of Reed Brody's fact finding team from between 1984-85 in Nicaragua. What you will see here are the tactics used by the people that the US government was hailing as "freedom fighters", and whom Reagan called "the moral equals of our founding fathers". The overriding point, and what this book shows, is that the attacks against civilians were not random
errors, or the acts of a few renegade contras. They were conscious, pervasive and intentional policy
of the leadership. I'm writing this review over 15 years after the publication of this book, but it's very
important to know what our government was really doing.

We now have a presidential candidate who chants to an old Beach Boys tune Bomb bomb bomb, bomb bomb Iran and who twenty years ago voted to bomb Nicaragua. Here we may read the
devastating results of that anti-life policy. It is no joke. War is no joke. War is hell. Every US citizen
needs this year to read this book, to remember our taxpayer supported terrorist army which blew up
health care clinics, schools and the simple bamboo homes of very poor people. Reed Brody is the
former Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York, and as a skilled prosecutor, knows the
rules of evidence in presenting a compelling case beyond any reasonable doubt. In this book he
leaves no room for doubt regarding the crimes against humanity committed by our government
against the poor people of Nicaragua twenty years ago. He presents undeniable testimony of
incidents of crimes against humanity committed by our mercenary terrorist guerrilla army, including
rapes, kidnappings and deadly attacks against civilian vehicles, farms and villages and agricultural
workers. He lays open the case in a compelling introduction, he states in two and half dozen
incidents, and concludes with an afterword and with three appendices entitled: Verification, in which
he describes the methodology and adherence to reliable rules of evidence; Who are the contra?, in
which he describes at great length the make-up of the leadership as well as their illegal "private" US
funding, and closes with a long chronology of contra attacks up to that time.

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