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well what can you say about one of the best modern latin american writers. this book is brilliant and engages the reader from page one.Miguel Marmol was a extraordinary man who escaped death a number of times. he lived, breath, and acted out his revolution. He was a Latin American revolutionary that deserves recognition for the hard work that he did during our history's dark days. this book does just that.this book is a must read. having read it in spanish i am pleased to see that it is available in English.Roque, if only they had not killed you! what a shame.que viva el salvador.ps: also check out Eduardo Galeano's Memorias de Fuego the third book. Miguel Marmol is the central character throughout this book also.
As a salvadorean being brought up in the middle of the civil war with right wing mentality parents and within the upper middle class I was completely unaware of the "other side" and how unfair our entire system was. This book opened my eyes to a new realm of existence within my same country. As I read it, this book became the gateway to other history books that have not only educated me about our own past but also gave me much more insight on what really occurred other than the brainwashing campaign that was launched at that time. This is a must read.

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