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Synopsis

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Henos aquí ante un libro absolutamente insólito, explosivo por su contenido, escrito por un simple campesino cubano que en 1957, por razones más personales que ideológicas, se convierte en soldado de la guerrilla encabezada por Fidel Castro y el Che Guevara en la Sierra Maestra, lucha al lado de éstos hasta la victoria de la Revolución, comparte responsabilidades con los vencedores, es reclutado por el Che en Africa y, en 1966, parte con éste a la «campaña» de Bolivia, donde el Che encontrará la muerte al año siguiente y de donde él sale como un superviviente algo desengañado, lo cual no le impide volver a Bolivia por segunda vez. An unusual memoir of explosive content written by a humble Cuban farmer who joined the guerilla headed by Fidel Castro and Che Guevara in the Sierra Maestra in 1957 and went on to fight with Che in Africa and Bolivia, where Guevara found his death a year later.

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fiasco that ended Guevara's life. His Bolivian experience left him with many questions that led him to believe that Castro had abandoned Guevara's mission, and left him to twist in the wind. It is a good read, and an excellent companion book to John Lee Anderson's "CHE" or Jorge Castaneda's book about Guevara. Highly recommended if you can find a copy.

The book is a must for anyone interested in Cuba's efforts to endorse the "exportation of the Revolution". The author does not simply give his very personal first-hand experience as one of Che Guevara's proteges in the Cuban Revolution, but he goes on to expand his following Che in Bolivia, where he is one of the less than a handful of survivors. But the part I found most compelling was his experience as a trainer of foreigner rebels trained in Havana. The narrative is compelling and sounds pretty honest to me, including the ideological regrets he expresses. It's obvious that the writer is no experienced author or highly educated person, but the recording of modern history is a major interest in an almost amateur but blunt way. Do not expect literary embellishments, flowery descriptions or emotional narration. Do expect to get a first hand description of how secret services, revolutionary movement, Che Guevara and Fidel personally operated. Breathtaking.

Excelente libro. Fácil de leer y muestra la realidad de Cuba. Si eres cubano puedes creer cada palabra, si no lo eres es difícil de creer pero es la realidad

Book in excellent condition!! with a very interesting history behind, It is a really outstanding book, highly recommend it for everyone

Dear friends: "Benigno" is an extraordinary human being..soldier for a betrayed revolution and heroes

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