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This work brings together, in an extended dialogue, the ongoing transformation of Venezuelan society and its growing role in global and regional politics. In the course of this discussion, Chavez sets out his politics in his own words, enabling the reader to grasp the rationale behind them and the charisma of the man.

This history of Venezuelan politics from below tells how militants, students, women, Afro-indigenous peoples, and the working-class brought about Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution and, ultimately, brought Hugo Chávez to power.

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Understanding the Venezuelan Revolution

Venezuela Before Chávez

Anatomy of an Economic Collapse

The Ebb of the Pink Tide

Hugo Chavez and the Political Economy of Revolution in Venezuela

Comandante

A Hero's Curse is the story of the modern Venezuelans whose lives have taken shape in the shadow of Simón Bolívar and his most passionate disciple, Comandante Hugo Chávez. For nearly two hundred years Venezuela's political leaders have evoked the legacy of their liberator, Bolívar, to stir popular support. While Bolívar's heroic struggle helped free a continent, his affinity for dictatorial rule spawned a vicious cycle of liberation and tyranny that has always haunted Venezuela. Since Chávez's death, the battle for Venezuela's future has intensified. Amidst a collapsing economy, escalating violence, and shortages of basic goods, there are increasing calls for a change of leadership. Rivals for power compete in demonstrating to the masses that they are

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the new, true, Venezuelan hero come to set them free. Kajsia Norman chronicles the rise and fall of Chávez and the tragic impact of Venezuela's 'heroic' politics on ordinary citizens. The stage is set for yet another turn in Venezuela's cycle of perpetual liberation, with a new generation of leaders clamouring for the title of national hero.

"Alberto Barrera Tyszka's *Patria o muerte* is a thriller set at the time of Hugo Chávez's impending death and the frenzy that it sets off in Venezuela. The retired oncologist Miguel Sanabria lives on edge, and his skepticism about the diagnosis of Chávez's illness seems to put him at odds with the world around him, which is becoming increasingly combustible.

Sanabria's extremist anti-Chávez wife threatens to act unwisely, and his nephew Vladimir arrives from Cuba with a secret recording of Chávez's voice and asks that his uncle conceal it--a life-threatening promise. His neighbor Fredy Lacuna, an unemployed journalist, is desperate for money and takes on a job writing and investigating Chávez's health condition. Lacuna leaves for Cuba while his wife, unbeknown to him, is pressured to leave their rented apartment by the owner. In a nearby neighborhood, a ten-year-old girl

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pretends all is normal, though she has been living on her own after her mother was shot dead outside their home. Her only contact to the world is a boy she regularly messages online"--

Reveals the revolutionary power of the Chavista grassroots movement Venezuela has been the stuff of frontpage news extravaganzas, especially since the death of Hugo Chavez. With predictable bias, mainstream media focus on violent clashes between opposition and government, coup attempts, hyperinflation, U.S. sanctions, and massive immigration. What is less known, however, is the story of what the Venezuelan people – especially the Chavista masses – do and think in these times of social emergency. Denying us their stories comes at a high price to people everywhere, because the Chavista bases are the real motors of the Bolivarian revolution. This revolutionary grassroots movement still aspires to the communal path to socialism that Chavez refined in his last years. Venezuela, the Present as Struggle is an eloquent testament to their lives. Comprised of a series of compelling interviews conducted by Cira Pascual Marquina, professor at the Bolivarian University, and contextualized by author Chris Gilbert, the book seeks to

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open a window on grassroots Chavismo itself in the wake of Chavez's death. Feminist and housing activists, communards, organic intellectuals, and campesinos from around the country speak up in their own voices, defending the socialist project and pointing to what they see as revolutionary solutions to Venezuela's current crisis. If the Venezuelan government has shown an impressive capacity to resist imperialism, it is the Chavista grassroots movement, as this book shows, that actually defends socialism as the only coherent project of national liberation.

Hugo Chávez's extraordinary story--in his own words Hugo Chávez, military officer turned left-wing revolutionary, was one of the most important Latin American leaders of the twenty-first century. This book tells the story of his life up to his election as president in 1998. Throughout this riveting and historically important account of his early years, Chávez's energy and charisma shine through. As a young man, he awakens gradually to the reality of his country--where huge inequalities persist and the majority of citizens live in indescribable poverty--and decides to act. He gives a fascinating description of growing up in

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My First Life

The Bolívarian Revolution

Populism and the Press in Venezuela

The Rise and Fall of Hugo Chavez

Crude Nation

Hugo Chávez's Venezuela

Hugo! is the remarkable biography of Hugo Chávez, President of Venezuela and leader of the Bolivian Revolution. Ex-paratrooper and outspoken socialist, Chávez is known for his stance against big business, fearless threats to the Bush administration, social reforms that have violently polarized his country, and also for providing a model for new governments and social movements across South America. Bart Jones was eyewitness to Chávez' rise to power, and describes his life in extraordinary detail, creating a comprehensive portrait of a man who

has affected the most radical transformation of Venezuela for half a century, and dramatically affected the political debate throughout Latin America.

Audacious, provocative, and bombastic, few world politicians are as colorful as Hugo Chávez, now making international news for his plans to nationalize U.S. owned businesses and his bold opposition to Washington's economic and trade policies. As Venezuela gains importance as the fifth largest oil exporter in the world, this firebrand leader is quickly moving to the public spotlight by uniting much of South America against the Bush administration and wielding oil as a "geopolitical weapon." To create this rich and objective portrait, Nikolas Kozloff--one of the few American journalists who has spent years in the Andean region--has profiled Chávez's top advisors, leaders of his movement, and other key figures in both Venezuela and the U.S. The result is a timely, exhaustive analysis of Chávez as a political leader, and a nuanced examination of the president moving to the center of the global stage. Includes a new afterword by the author, with insights into Chávez's reelection in relation to wider hemispheric politics.

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From the world's foremost intellectual activist, an irrefutable analysis of America's pursuit of total domination and the catastrophic consequences that are sure to follow The United States is in the process of staking out not just the globe but the last unarmed spot in our neighborhood—the heavens—as a militarized sphere of influence. Our earth and its skies are, for the Bush administration, the final frontiers of imperial control. In *Hegemony or Survival*, Noam Chomsky investigates how we came to this moment, what kind of peril we find ourselves in,

and why our rulers are willing to jeopardize the future of our species. With the striking logic that is his trademark, Chomsky dissects America's quest for global supremacy, tracking the U.S. government's aggressive pursuit of policies intended to achieve "full spectrum dominance" at any cost. He lays out vividly how the various strands of policy—the militarization of space, the ballistic-missile defense program, unilateralism, the dismantling of international agreements, and the response to the Iraqi crisis—cohere in a drive for hegemony that ultimately threatens our survival. In our era, he argues, empire is a recipe for an earthly wasteland. Lucid, rigorous, and thoroughly documented, Hegemony or Survival promises to be Chomsky's most urgent and sweeping work in years, certain to spark widespread debate.

Deadline

Blogging the Revolution

How Oil Riches Ruined Venezuela

Open Veins of Latin America

Politics in Venezuela

The Rise of Latin America's 21st Century

Strongman

[In this book, the author's] analysis of the effects and causes of capitalist underdevelopment in Latin America present [an] account of ... Latin American history. [The author] shows how foreign companies reaped huge profits through their operations in Latin America. He explains the politics of the Latin American bourgeoisies and their subservience to foreign

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powers, and how they interacted to create increasingly unequal capitalist societies in Latin America.-Back cover. At the beginning of the twentieth century, Venezuela had one of the poorest economies in Latin America, but by 1970 it became the richest country in the region and one of the top richest countries in the world, ahead of countries such as Greece, Israel, and Spain. Between 1978 and 2001, however, Venezuela's economy went sharply in reverse, with non-oil GDP declining by almost 19 percent and oil GDP by an astonishing 65 percent. What accounts for this drastic turnabout? The editors of *Venezuela Before Chávez*, who each played a policymaking role in the country's economy during the past two decades, have brought together a group of economists and political scientists to examine systematically the impact of a wide range of factors affecting the economic collapse, from the cost of labor regulation and the development of financial markets to the weakening of democratic governance and the politics of decisions about industrial policy. Aside from the editors, the contributors are Omar Bello, Adriana Bermúdez, Matías Braun, Javier Corrales, Jonathan Di John, Rafael Di Tella, Javier Donna, Samuel Freije, Dan Levy, Robert MacCulloch, Osmel Manzano, Francisco Monaldi, María Antonia Moreno, Daniel Ortega, Michael Penfold, José Pineda, Lant Pritchett, Cameron A. Shelton, and Dean Yang.

This is the riveting and frightening story of ambitious, tempestuous and avowed anti-American Hugo Chávez, who is making waves through South America and being widely compared to Fidel Castro. Ex-paratrooper, outspoken socialist, and brash personality, Chávez is known for his stance against big business, fearless threats to the Bush

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administration, social reforms that have violently polarized country, and claims that he will soon unite South America. gas prices rise to unprecedented highs, Venezuela's importance surges as the fifth largest oil exporter in the world. Nikolas Kozloff's access to top advisors, members of the opposition, and leaders of Chávez's own political movement allow him to present a comprehensive portrait of Chávez as he runs for re-election and moves into the global spotlight. Hugo Chávez's extraordinary story—in his own words One of the most important Latin American leaders of the twenty-first century, Hugo Chávez was a military officer who became a left-wing revolutionary. This book tells the story of his life until the moment he was elected President in 1998. His energy and charisma shine throughout the riveting and historically important story of his early years, describing how he slowly uncovered the reality of his country—hugely unequal, with a majority of its citizens living in indescribably impoverished conditions—and decided that he had to do something about it. Among other things, it is a fascinating account of his long-planned military conspiracy—the most significant in the history of Venezuela and perhaps of Latin America—that led up to the unsuccessful coup of 1992, and eventually to his popular electoral victory in 1998. His collaborator on this book is Ignacio Ramonet, the famous left-wing French journalist (and Editor for many years of *Le Monde Diplomatique*), who undertook a similar task with Fidel Castro, *My Life*.

In the Shadow of the Liberator

The Venezuelan Economy

The Perpetual Liberation of Venezuela

Caracas Chronicles and the Hugo Chávez Era

Story Time with Hugo Chavez

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The Decline Of the Left in Latin America

For more than ten years, Caracas Chronicles has distilled Hugo Chavez's Venezuela for English-speaking readers, providing both context and a home for lively discussion. This compilation by its editors, Toro and Nagel, brings together their best work. With Hugo Chavez's passing, Venezuela enters a new era. The time has come to look back on a decade of unprecedented upheavals. From a sharply critical stance, Blogging the Revolution surveys the evolution of both chavismo and the opposition, the disintegration of Venezuela's public sphere, the political economy of the petrostate, and its impact on everyday life in the South American nation.

The inside story of Hugo Chavez's rule and complex legacy Few leaders in our time have been as divisive and enigmatic as the late Hugo Chavez. In *Comandante*, acclaimed journalist Rory Carroll tells the inside story of Chavez's life, his time as Venezuela's president, and his legacy. Based on interviews with ministers, aides, courtiers, and citizens, this intimate piece of reportage chronicles a unique experiment in power that veers among enlightenment, tyranny, comedy, and farce. Carroll also investigates the almost religious devotion of millions of Venezuelans who regarded Chavez as a savior and the loathing of those who branded him as a dictator. In beautiful prose that blends the lyricism and strangeness of magical realism with the brutal, ugly truth of authoritarianism, *Comandante* offers a cautionary tale for our times.

Beneath Venezuelan soil lies an ocean of crude—the world's largest reserves—an oil patch that shaped the nature of the global energy business. Unfortunately, a dysfunctional anti-American, leftist government controls this vast resource and has used its wealth to foster voter support, ultimately wreaking economic havoc. *Crude Nation* reveals the ways in which this mismanagement has led to Venezuela's economic ruin and turned the country into a cautionary tale for the world. Raúl Gallegos, a former Caracas-based oil correspondent, paints a picture both vivid and analytical of the

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country's economic decline, the government's foolhardy economic policies, and the wrecked lives of Venezuelans. Without transparency, the Venezuelan government uses oil money to subsidize life for its citizens in myriad unsustainable ways, while regulating nearly every aspect of day-to-day existence in Venezuela. This has created a paradox in which citizens can fill up the tanks of their SUVs for less than one American dollar while simultaneously enduring nationwide shortages of staples such as milk, sugar, and toilet paper. Gallegos's insightful analysis shows how mismanagement has ruined Venezuela again and again over the past century and lays out how Venezuelans can begin to fix their country, a nation that can play an important role in the global energy industry. This paperback edition features a new introduction by the author.

Venezuela 2012: The President's illness casts a shadow over the lives of his citizens - he divides opinion, but life without him is almost unimaginable. Miguel Sanabria is a retired oncologist, ambivalent towards the President but caught between a virulently anti-Chávez wife and a equally vehement pro-Chávez brother. He is asked by his nephew to hide a mobile phone carrying secret footage that could shed new light on the President's condition. His neighbour Fredy has found a fresh angle for a new book about Chávez, but to take advantage he must agree to a "green-card" marriage and leave his girlfriend and their son for two months, even as their landlady plots to repossess their home. In another apartment live nine-year-old María and her neurotic, near-agoraphobic mother. Taken out of school to be educated at home, María turns to internet chat rooms for company, while her mother's fears about the city's endemic violence are proved tragically prescient. The fates and fortunes of these neighbours will prove inextricably entwined as the hour of the President's death draws ever closer. **REVIEWS FOR THE SICKNESS** "A great book" Michael Morpurgo "Powerful themes and powerful writing" Susan Hill Translated from the Spanish by Rosalind Harvey

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Venezuela, the Present as Struggle

Oil, Politics, and the Challenge to the U.S.

Hugo Chávez

A People's History of the Venezuelan Revolution

A Novel

Dragon in the Tropics

*Since 2006, Venezuela has had the highest homicide rate in South America and one of the highest levels of gun violence in the world. Former president Hugo Chávez, who died in 2013, downplayed the extent of violent crime and instead emphasized rehabilitation. His successor, President Nicolás Maduro, took the opposite approach, declaring an all-out war on crime (mano dura). What accounts for this drastic shift toward more punitive measures? In *Deadline*, anthropologist Robert Samet answers this question by focusing on the relationship between populism, the press, and what he calls “the will to security.” Drawing on nearly a decade of ethnographic research alongside journalists on the Caracas crime beat, he shows how the media shaped the politics of security from the ground up. Paradoxically, Venezuela’s punitive turn was not the product of dictatorship, but rather an outgrowth of practices and institutions normally associated with democracy. Samet reckons with this apparent contradiction by exploring the circulation of extralegal denuncias (accusations) by crime journalists, editors, sources, and audiences. Denuncias are a form of public shaming or exposé that channels popular anger against the powers that be. By showing how denuncias mobilize dissent, *Deadline* weaves a much larger tale about the relationship between the press, popular outrage, and the politics of security in the twenty-first century.*

*This new and expanded edition of **Dragon in the Tropics**—the widely acclaimed account of how president Hugo Chávez (1999–2013) revamped Venezuela’s political economy—examines the electoral decline of Chavismo after Chavez’s death and the policies adopted by his successor, Nicolás Maduro, to cope with the economic chaos inherited from previous radical populist policies. Corrales and Penfold argue that Maduro has had to struggle with the inherent contradictions of a large and heterogeneous social coalition, a declining oil sector, the strength of entrenched military interests, and fewer resources to appease international allies, which have strengthened the autocratic features of an already consolidated hybrid regime. In examining the new political realities of Venezuela, the authors offer lessons on the dynamics of succession in hybrid regimes. This book is a must-read for scholars and analysts of Latin America.*

***International Mediation in Venezuela** analyzes the effort of the Carter Center and the broader international community to prevent violent conflict, to reconcile a deeply divided society, and to preserve democratic processes. From their perspective as facilitators of the intervention and as representatives of the Carter Center, Jennifer McCoy and Francisco Diez present an insider account of mediation at the national and international level.*

Foreign capital and free trade policies have provoked fierce conflicts in South America in recent years. People in Colombia and Peru engaged in often violent clashes to defend their livelihoods against the encroachments of the free market and the impositions of Wall Street. Farmers organized to save their lands from foreign mining corporations, and cities fought to save their water from

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contamination. Native Americans blocked highways to preserve ancestral lands, while students paralyzed universities and called for reforms to higher education. The shift toward socialism in Venezuela, led by President Hugo Chávez, was bitterly opposed by privileged groups. Governments tried to quell the turmoil through repression, political maneuvering and propaganda. This book provides a dramatic account of the struggles.

Twentieth-Century Latin American Revolutions

Explaining Hugo Chávez

Revolutionary Has No Clothes

Hugo Chavez and the Bolivarian Revolution

A Hero's Curse

Voices from the Bolivarian Revolution

Hugo Chávez is heavily criticised by the international political class and the press and media. He is dismissed academically as a populista and dismissed more generally as a rabble rouser. However, a lot of the criticism and reporting lacks context.

From the New York Times bestselling author of The End of Power comes an edge-of-your-seat political thriller about rival spies, dangerous love, and one of history's most devastating revolutions. Venezuela, 1992. Unknown colonel Hugo Chávez stages an ill-fated coup against a corrupt government, igniting the passions of Venezuela's poor and catapulting the oil-rich country to international attention. For two rival spies hurriedly dispatched to Caracas--one from Washington, DC, and the other from Fidel Castro's

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Cuba--this is a career-defining mission. Smooth-talking Iván Rincón of Cuba's Intelligence Directorate needs a rebel ally to secure the future of his own country. His job: support Chávez and the revolution by rallying the militants and neutralizing any opposing agents. Meanwhile, the CIA's Cristina Garza will do everything in her power to cut Chávez's influence short. Her priority: stabilize the greatest oil reserves on the planet by ferreting out and eliminating Cuba's principal operative. As Chávez surges to power, Iván and Cristina are caught in the fallout of a toxic political time bomb: an intrepid female reporter and unwitting informant, a drug lord and key architect in Chávez's rise, and personal entanglements between the spies themselves. With everything at stake, the adversaries find themselves at the center of a game of espionage, seduction, murder, and shifting alliances playing out against the precarious backdrop of a nation in free fall. A thrilling fictional story based on unimaginable real-life events.

In August 2004, the Venezuelan public came out in record numbers to deliver an overwhelming vote of confidence. After many attempts to unseat him, Hugo Chávez, the former military man who took the country first by coup and then by ballot, again emerged as the people's choice. It was, in his words, "a victory for the people of Venezuela." Yet despite Chávez's successes, having defended his post in six referenda, two elections and against one failed coup,

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*Venezuela—one of the world's largest oil exporting countries—is a nation deeply divided. The power struggle between the country's first indigenous head of state and his detractors expresses a larger conflict gripping the region. In *The Battle of Venezuela*, Guardian reporter Michael McCaughan captures the drama of challenges to Chávez's presidency in the courts and on the streets of Caracas. In this detailed analysis of the political forces at work, McCaughan documents the role of the country's powerful and shrinking middle class, the effects of Chávez's social programs for his mainly poor constituents, and the rise of the social movement whose members proclaim themselves "Chávistas."*

This clear and concise text extends our understanding of revolutions with a critical narrative analysis of key Latin American examples. Each case study provides an interpretive explanation of the historical context in which each movement emerged, its main goals and achievements, its shortcomings, its outcome, and its legacy.

Confronting U.S. Capitalism, 2000–2016

Hugo Chavez

Populista

The Battle of Venezuela

Hugo Chavez Talks to Marta Harnecker

Two Spies in Caracas

He is one of the most controversial and important world leaders currently in power. In this international bestseller, at last

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available in English, Hugo Chávez is captured in a critically acclaimed biography, a riveting account of the Venezuelan president who continues to influence, fascinate, and antagonize America. Born in a small town on the Venezuelan plains, Chávez found his interests radically altered when he entered the military academy in Caracas. There, as Hugo Chávez reveals in dramatic detail, he was drawn to leftist politics and a new sense of himself as predestined to change the fortunes of his country and Latin America as a whole. Portrayed as never before is the double life Chávez soon began to lead: by day he was a family man and a military officer, but by night he secretly recruited insurgents for a violent overthrow of the government. His efforts would climax in an attempted coup against President Carlos Andrés Pérez, an action that ended in a spectacular failure but gave Chávez his first irresistible taste of celebrity and laid the groundwork for his ascension to the presidency eight years later. Here is the truth about Chávez's revolutionary "Bolivarian" government, which stresses economic reforms meant to discourage corruption and empower the poor—while the leader spends seven thousand dollars a day on himself and cozies up to Arab oil elites. Venezuelan journalists Cristina Marciano and Alberto Barrera Tyszka explore the often crude and comical public figure who condemns George W. Bush in the most fiery language but at the same time hires lobbyists to improve his country's image in the West. The authors examine not only Chávez's political career but also his personal life—including his first marriage, which was marked by a long affair and the birth of a troubled son, and his second marriage, which produced a daughter toward whom Chávez's favoritism has caused private tension and public talk. This seminal biography is filled with exclusive excerpts from Chávez's own diary and draws on new research and interviews with such insightful subjects as Herma Marksman, the professor who was his mistress for nine years. Hugo Chávez is

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an essential work about a man whose power, peculiarities, and passion for the global spotlight only continue to grow.

Venezuelan president Hugo Chávez introduces this collection of Bolívar's writings, explaining why the revolutionary continues to inspire, in book that includes Bolívar's thoughts and ideas as he sought to lead Latin America to independence from the Spanish in the early nineteenth century. Reprint.

Since he was first elected in 1999, Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez Frías has reshaped a frail but nonetheless pluralistic democracy into a semi-authoritarian regime—an outcome achieved with spectacularly high oil income and widespread electoral support. This eye-opening book illuminates one of the most sweeping and unexpected political transformations in contemporary Latin America. Based on more than fifteen years' experience in researching and writing about Venezuela, Javier Corrales and Michael Penfold have crafted a comprehensive account of how the Chávez regime has revamped the nation, with a particular focus on its political transformation.

Throughout, they take issue with conventional explanations. First, they argue persuasively that liberal democracy as an institution was not to blame for the rise of chavismo. Second, they assert that the nation's economic ailments were not caused by neoliberalism. Instead they blame other factors, including a dependence on oil, which caused macroeconomic volatility; political party fragmentation, which triggered infighting; government mismanagement of the banking crisis, which led to more centralization of power; and the Asian crisis of 1997, which devastated Venezuela's economy at the same time that Chávez ran for president. It is perhaps on the role of oil that the authors take greatest issue with prevailing opinion. They do not dispute that dependence on oil can generate political and economic distortions—the "resource curse" or "paradox of plenty" arguments—but they counter that oil alone fails to explain Chávez's rise. Instead they single out a weak framework

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of checks and balances that allowed the executive branch to extract oil rents and distribute them to the populace. The real culprit behind Chávez's success, they write, was the asymmetry of political power.

Describes the political career and ambitions of Hugo Chavez, who was elected president of Venezuela in 1998.

We Created Chávez

Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Venezuela

International Mediation in Venezuela

Hugo Chávez The Bolivarian Revolution from Up Close

Five Centuries of the Pillage of a Continent

America's Quest for Global Dominance

During the forty or so years that preceded Hugo Chavez's seizing of power, Venezuela had the most stable democracy in Latin America, the fastest-growing economy and the highest standard of living in the region. After Chavez seized power in 1999, however, things have changed radically. Today, Venezuela can no longer be seen as a democracy and rather than attracting immigrants as it once did, Venezuelans themselves are fleeing the country. Yet, somehow, the vast majority of contemporary references to Venezuela and to Chavez's rule are laudatory. In *The Revolutionary Has No Clothes: Hugo Chavez's Bolivarian Farce*, A.C. Clark corrects this warped take on Hugo Chavez and the "Bolivarian Revolution" in Venezuela and skewers those grotesquely admiring portraits of Mr. Chavez painted by panegyrists from Noam Chomsky to Sean Penn. Clark explores Chavez's embarrassing public displays, perilous policy platforms and close relationships with rogue states to reveal Chavez for what he truly is: a dangerous "buffoon" leading a once prosperous nation down a path to ruin. Most shockingly, Clark exposes both Chavez's ambitions for asymmetrical warfare against the United

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States and Venezuela's insidious lobbying network within our own borders. In the end, *The Revolutionary Has No Clothes* is the definitive portrait of one of the world's depraved leaders and a disturbing chronicle of Venezuela's decline from a prosperous democracy to an autocratic bully-state.

An exploration of the phenomenon of the caudillo figure in Latin American politics and the rise of populism through the modern histories of the continent.

This book tells the extraordinary story of the April 11 coup against popularly elected President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and his dramatic return to power 72 hours later.

Updated since the death of Hugo Chávez in March 2013, *Comandante* is the definitive account of Chávez's presidency, and the legacy he has left behind. Hugo Chávez was a true phenomenon. On his death in March 2013 tens of thousands of Venezuelans took to the streets and honoured a seven-day period of national mourning. Chávez has been compared to Napoleon, Nasser, Perón and Castro but the truth is there has never been a leader like him. He was democratically elected, reigned like a monarch from a mobile television throne, and provoked adoration and revulsion in equal measure. How did a charismatic autocrat seduce not just a nation but a significant part of world opinion? And how did he continue to stay in power despite the crumbling of Venezuela? When he first came to power in 1999, Chávez became a symbol of hope and freedom for his people. Yet, in his fourteen years as president, Chávez seized control of the lucrative Venezuelan oil industry, allowed basic government functions to wither, jailed political opponents and courted Castro and Ahmadinejad, all while occupying much of Venezuela's airwaves with his

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long-running television show, *Aló Presidente!*. In *Comandante*, acclaimed journalist Rory Carroll breaches the walls of Miraflores Palace to tell the inside story of Chávez's life and his political court in Caracas. Blending the lyricism and strangeness of magical realism with the brutal, ugly truth of authoritarianism - a powerful combination reminiscent of Ryszard Kapuscinski's *The Emperor* - Rory Carroll has written the definitive account of Hugo Chávez's presidency, and the legacy he has left behind.

Hugo Chávez and the Transformation of Venezuela

Inside Hugo Chavez's Venezuela

Venezuela and the Legacy of Hugo Chavez

The Hugo Chávez Story from Mud Hut to Perpetual Revolution

Free Trade and Social Conflict in Colombia, Peru and Venezuela

The Last Days of El Comandante