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The only up-to-date book on the democratically elected president of Venezuela, and the US-assisted attempt...and failure...to depose him.

The only first-hand report on contemporary Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, by veteran correspondent Richard Gott, places the country's controversial and charismatic president in historical perspective, and examines his plans and programs. This new edition has a chapter on the attempted and failed military coup, Venezuela's recent recall election, and discusses US covert intervention against this democratically elected public official.

The spectre of Simon Bolivar hovers once again over Latin America as the aims and ambitions of the Liberator are taken up by Comandante Hugo Chavez. Welcomed by the inhabitants of the teeming shantytowns of Caracas as their potential savior, and greeted by Washington with considerable alarm, this former *golpista*-turned-democrat has already begun the most wide-ranging transformation of oil-rich Venezuela for half a century, and dramatically affected the political debate throughout Latin America.

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Teun says

Educative good, but a very dry read.

Derek Ide says

This is the book that every Freedom House/Leopoldo Lopez loving liberal in the United States needs to read. If you regularly find yourself regurgitating state department propaganda about Chavez, this is your corrective, the antidote to your poison (and God bless the revoking of RCTV, and the curtailing of other virulently right wing corporate hegemonies). There are more sophisticated accounts of Chavez, more deeply theoretical, etc., but this is a book for all the naysayers, the Bernie Sanders fanboys who think Chavez is just a "dead communist dictator," etc. The accomplishments of Chavez in 12 years (this book ends in 2011, before his death and before Maduro) are astonishing. Maduro now faces a difficult situation of continuing the Bolivarian process without Chavez, and God knows he's been tested. If you're interested in a narrative about Venezuela you won't receive on CNN or the NYTimes, please pick this up. It's especially pertinent with the upcoming elections in Venezuela in December.

Mandy says

My attempt to understand the man behind the madness

Mehdi says

An amazing book details the post and preview of the Bolivarian revolution. I read another book about Hugo Chavez last week and it was incredibly biased. It makes me sad to know that the great Bolivarian leader Hugo Chavez is not longer alive but his legacy will never die and he will live in the hearts of millions and millions of poor people of Venezuela and around the world. Hugo Chavez, a dictator according to USA because Chavez never worked for the wishes of the yankee imperialism isn't a very complicated man. Chavez from the very first day declared himself to be the president of poor. Rich people of in Venezuela hate Chavez because of his worked for the poor, lower socioeconomic and indigenous people. Hugo Chavez is a champion of human rights, a champion of gay rights, a champion of indigenous people, a champion of liberty, a champion of freedom, a champion of revolution.

Viva la Chavez.

Viva la Che Guevara.

Viva la Fidel Castro.

Zachery says

The only thing I disliked about the book was that it seemed like it was written as an essay for a standardized test like the GRE or MCAT - lots of 50-cent words and overly descriptive adjectives.

Juan says

Chavez is a teddy bear.

Brian says

This book provides one of the few looks that we have of Hugo Chavez. His dictatorship in Venezuela is one of the more unique in the world especially when analyzing his power base. A word of caution when reading this book however is that Gott is fiercely anti-American so a lot of the book is taken up with his rabid viewpoints. It is still one of the best portraits we have of Chavez and if you can look past the anti-American bias the book is very useful. If you want to learn about modern Venezuela you really can't go wrong with this book.

Daniele Bassi says

Gott gives an unbiased insight of Chaves which is essential to understand the current situation of Venezuela. Being a foreign correspondent in the region for several years, she clearly explain how Chaves reached the power and where he got all wrong.

There have been many cases of democratic saviors such as Lula or Chaves in Latin American who, after centuries of neglect by the ruling elite, would finally address the overwhelming poverty. As Gott shows in this book, ignoring the middle class and allowing urban criminality take over have been their unforgivable mistakes.

I would recommend the book even for those who are not keen on Chaves.

Wayne says

Richard Gott's book on Hugo Chávez is a sympathetic (but not uncritical) left take on Chávez and the ongoing revolutionary process in Venezuela, which rejects the premise that its subject is a completely new phenomenon. Instead, it works to place Chávez in context, both historically and in the Venezuelan Left as it has existed. Originally titled "In the Shadow of the Liberator," Gott's book necessarily touches on the connections to Simón Bolívar; Chávez draws these quite explicitly himself. But it also shows that Chavismo is a popular phenomenon, rooted in the failure of all sectors of the traditional Venezuelan left. What is going on in Venezuela today is deeply important and should not be passed off lightly.

Goodwin Lucknow says

Interesting look into how the man came to power

Abe says

It's been a while since I've read this book, but it is a good narrative to the Hugo Chávez Frías' "Revolución Bolivariana". It discusses the various "misiones" that intend to move Venezuela's government to socialism.
