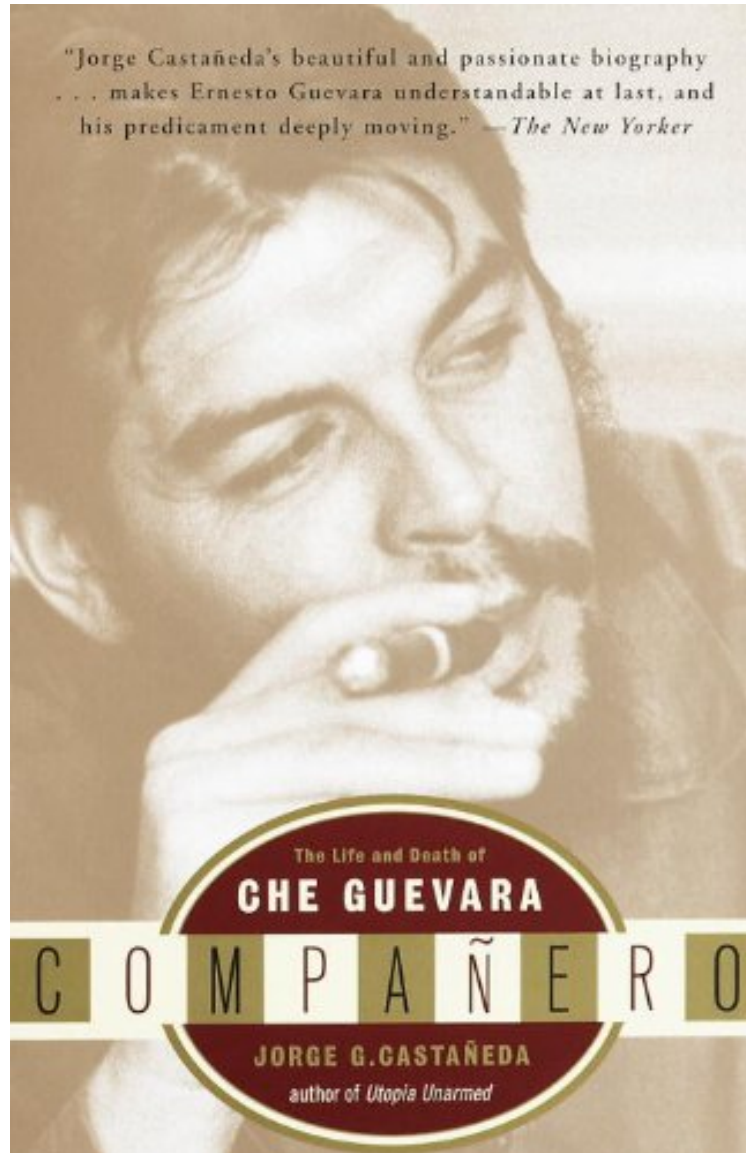


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Von Jorge G. Castaeda : Companero: The Life and Death of Che Guevara before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Companero: The Life and Death of Che Guevara:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Passionate and informativeVon Ein KundeThis very passionate work does a good job of clearing up misconceptions and making Che's ideas and philosoHy more readily available. Che has become a sort of enigmatic figure in our times and it is disturbing how so many people just plaster his image and "claim" to be a "compa~nero" without really

knowing what Che stood for and what he accomplished in his life. This is a very welcome biography on one of the most influential and misunderstood revolutionaries. This book was written by someone who is not only passionate about it, but who is also able to be objective. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in learning more about Che.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Scholarly sound narrative of the life of this Century's ManVon Julio Gonzalez-Atavales (julio@thalamus.med.upenn.edu)Conducted with great care for truth and balance this book provides a sound introduction to the events in the Life of this 20th Century's warrior and theoretician. I disagree with many of the authors political analysis and I think he misses the Spiritual side of Che's enterprise on Earth. But without doubt a must for those who want to think History by themselves.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good Overview of CheVon Ein KundeCastaneda's biography of Che is very good. It gives the reader a good overview of Che's life and dreams. Readers looking for a more complete and comprehensive biography on Che might prefer Jon Lee Anderson's A Revolutionary Life, though. Castaneda's work here and elsewhere are good resources about the left in Latin America.

KurzbeschreibungCuando lleg el momento en que fue muerto en las selvas de Bolivia, donde su cuerpo fue exhibido como un Cristo destronado, Ernesto "CheGuevara se haba convertido en sinnimo de revolucin en todas partes desde Cuba hasta los terrenos universitarios de los Estados Unidos. Esta biografa extraordinaria por uno de los ms prominentes analistas polticos de Latinoamrica revela la leyenda del Che Guevara para mostrar el carismtico e inquieto hombre detrs de ella.Tomando de los archivos de tres continentes y de entrevistas con la familia y asociados de Guevara, Jorge Castaeda sigue al Che desde su niez en la clase media argentina hasta los aos de peregrinaje que lo hicieron un revolucionario dedicado. Castaeda examina las complejas relaciones entre Guevara y Fidel Castro, quien lo hizo su mano derecha an cuando el Che se convirti en la conciencia poltica de Fidel. Y Castaeda analiza las fallas de carcter que forzaron al Che a irse de Cuba y dar sus energias y, finalmente, su vida a aventuras quijotescas en el Congo y Bolivia. Una obra maestra de erudicin y simpata literaria, Compaero es el retrato definitivo de una figura que continua fascinando e inspirando a gentes del mundo entero.From the Trade Paperback edition.From BooklistIn 1967, Ernesto Guevara de la Serna, the Argentine doctor and revolutionary who joined with Castro to overturn Fulgencio Batista's regime in Cuba, was trapped in an inhospitable region of Bolivia and later executed by the Bolivian military. The thirtieth anniversary of his death is being celebrated in Cuba, and Castaneda's book is the second to be published this year (a third is being published in October as well, Paco Ignacio Taibo II's Guevara, Also Known as Che). Reporter Jon Anderson beat everyone to the finish line with his Che Guevara: A Revolutionary Life. Anderson gives readers a full hero's treatment of Che, enlightened by an ample discussion of Che's machismo; Castaneda goes for the jugular. He psychoanalyzes every important, and semi-important, action taken by Che: the mountain climbing and rugby playing in spite of his asthma; his decision to become a doctor; the trips across Latin America by motorcycle, boat, train, anyway he could arrange, with his inhaler and pills; and on and on. (The analysis of the relationship between Che's mother and father and the asthma that plagued Che until death is terribly convincing.) Yet, in the end, Castaneda's man is still a hero, perhaps because he remains "in the niches reserved for cultural icons, for symbols of social uprisings that filter down deep into the soil of society." Castaneda's writing is uneven: the prologue, for instance, soars, but the writing in many of the chapters is plodding, which could be due to either editing or translating. And, too, the book is almost overwhelmed by the notes, as if to prove that this is the most researched of all the recent Che publications. But none of these shortcomings winds up tarnishing Compaero's importance or its dark appeal. Bonnie SmothersFrom Kirkus sIn the second Guevara biography this year (after John Lee Anderson's Che Guevara, p. 343), chronicler of the Latin American left Castaeda (Political Science/New York Univ.) distinguishes himself from other biographers by stripping Guevara of myths while bowing to his role as the principal icon of the '60s. Despite the left leanings of his grandmother and mother, Guevara developed his political views slowly as an outgrowth of his sense of outrage at the conditions and treatment of the poor he witnessed throughout the region. Although disgusted with the US- backed ouster of Guatemalan reformist Arbenz, it was only after Guevara met Fidel Castro in Mexico in 1955 that his bookish attraction to Marxist-Leninism (and his preference for the Soviet Union over the US as a model of political development) gave way to a revolutionary commitment. Once he was entrenched in Castro's inner circle, Guevara's sympathies with the USSR rose and fell with exactly the opposite timing of Castro's. Castaeda notes that in battle, Guevara's impulsive strategic decisions required the collaboration of a highly organized commander such as Castro. Without him, Guevara's extreme egalitarianism, revolutionary zeal, and strong will proved insufficient for repeated victory. As this became clear, Castaeda suggests, Castro opted against a rescue mission for the ailing revolutionary in Bolivia, as Guevara had become more useful as a martyr than as a fighter. Finally, the author dismisses the popular myth that Guevara went down with his guns blazing--he was executed by Bolivian authorities. Along the way, Castaeda presents some interesting, if quirky, theories on Guevara's psychological development. For example, he postulates that asthma played a key role in the revolutionary's predilection for armed struggle: Combat produces adrenaline, providing natural relief from asthma, while the deliberation of ambiguities brought on attacks. A

solid yet easy to read account, with ample footnotes to satisfy serious readers. (16 pages photos, not seen) -- Copyright 1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.