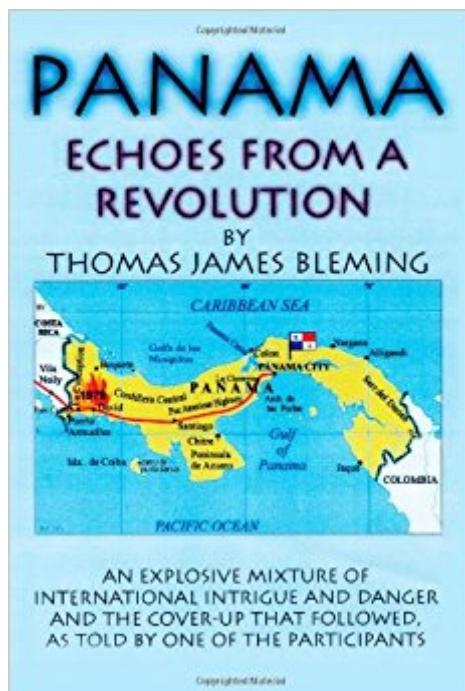


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Panama-Echoes From A Revolution



Synopsis

Panama - Echoes From A Revolution is based on the real life experience of Thomas James Bleming. In 1979 he was part of a privately funded group of American citizens who invaded the Republic of Panama with the intention on overthrowing the military dictatorship of Brig. General Omar Torrijos. He joins a Panamanian guerrilla movement along with other American citizens and they commence to lay out a plan to overthrow Torrijos and while in the process they plan to assassinate his military intelligence chief Manuel Noriega.

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Customer Reviews

Thomas James Bleming was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He holds the Silver Star. He has worked and lived in over 70 countries in a variety of jobs . He has fought all over the world as both a Soldier of Fortune and a revolutionary. Mr. Bleming remains active on the international scene as a combat journalist and is available as a speaker. He resides in Lusk, Wyoming where he owns a ranch.

Thomas Bleming's book is such a fast-paced interesting depiction of an event that few people know about today. This decorated combat Veteran of the Vietnam War has told a story that is so interesting that I found myself reluctant to put it down for dinner, and I started reading it early after lunch. The book is also filled with many photos of actual now-declassified documents. There is no praise in Thomas Bleming's book for how the U.S. govt. handled anything having to do with the

Panama Canal, and so forth and so on. If you want to learn about an actual big piece of history that has been ignored for so many years, read this and you will find yourself like I did. Profoundly moved and grateful to Mr. Thomas Bleming and his great patriots!

This is a part of history that is unknown to most of us. Mr Bleming does a great job about how covert operations are done. He has lived a life of adventure and intrigue. He is a fellow Vietnam vet and a Rhodesian vet. Again a great read for those who like adventure and intrigue.

The book is written from the view of Thomas J Bleming. He happens to be the main character in this political history of the late 70's in Panama (1977-1981). The story is based upon a few idealists (or mercenaries) who enlist with Panamanian freedom fighters to overthrow the government of Panama (General Omar Torrijos). After a few skirmishes with the Panamanian Defense Forces, Thomas Bleming and his compatriots are captured. The narrative continues with his story of torture, abuse, and plotting for a way out of the country's hellish prison system. The book culminates with his release and later putting his life back together. After reading this book, it seemed to me to sum up many of the problems that still exist in Central and South America. Many countries are ruled by Dictators or governments pretending to be "freely" elected. Central America has a really hard time with the "rule of law" versus "the rule of men". This first hand account of these events can certainly be used for a documentary or movie. It has many interesting personalities which could be developed for entertainment purposes and educate people about our southern neighbors.

This book may not be for everyone, but it is an important book for the people of Panama and people interested in US foreign relations. While Bleming may not be a James Michener, he got an important job done: he's documented an event in History that would otherwise be lost in the shuffle and long forgotten. It also might be of interest to those studying PTSD or POWs. It has a fair amount of alternating hope-n-despair, and it would make a good movie not unlike *Midnight Express*.

Excellent as it shows what the wikileaks prove - it is not "our" government. We back people like Saddam, The Shah of Iran, and this despot in Egypt. Too many to list. Those who think they are fighting for freedom may as well be fornicating for virginity.

A great book and must reading for everyone interested in the history of Panama preceding the handover of the Panama Canal, death of dictator Omar Torrijos and take over by madman Manuel

Noriega.

If you what to know about Panamanian political history in the period under Torrijos and Noriega by reading this book, you are losing your time and money.

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