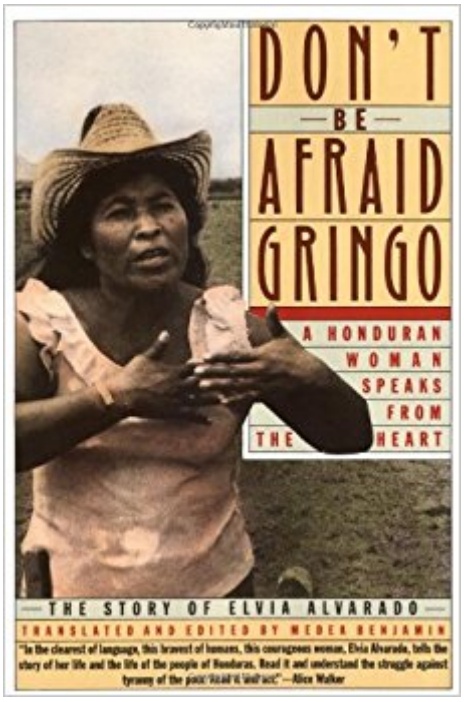
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"So much of what we know about Central America is facts, figures, abstractions, political cant. No one can read this remarkable story without a total change of perception. We learn not only how Elvia organizes campesinos to recover rights that have been taken from them, but how our government interferes on the side of injustice--and what we can do about it."--Robert McAfee Brown"Here is a voice seldom heard, the voice of Latin America's majority, those who bear the burdens of society. If we are to understand Honduras, Central America, or, for that matter, Latin America, we must listen attentively to this voice. It has much to teach us. It commands the future."--E. Bradford Burns, Professor of History, UCLA"Elvia's story provides the reader with a perspective on Honduras--indeed, on all of Central America--that even the best reporting from the outside cannot offer."--Most Reverend John R. Quinn, Archbishop of San Francisco"In the clearest of language, this bravest of humans, this courageous woman, Elvia Alvarado, tells the story of her life and the life of the people of Honduras. Read it and understand the struggle against tyranny of the poor. Read it and act."--Alice Walker

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Good insight into the experience of the Honduran campesino (and more to the point, the campesina) in the 1970s and 80s. I imagine that while not 100% of it applies today (the political and military situations in the US, Russia, and Central America have changed since then), some of it remains very relevant. What Alvarado has to say about the effects of poverty, solutions to social issues, the challenges and benefits of organizing and empowering the women in the communities, and the culture are likely still as fresh as the day she said them. A bonus for me was that having read Ryszard Kapuscinski's account of the Soccer War (twice), I appreciated reading about the conflict from her completely different point of view.Benjamin did a great job of maintaining Alvarado's voice and the flow of the storytelling - note that Benjamin is credited as "translator" rather than "author," as her goal was to preserve and publish Alvarado's thoughts. While the subject matter is serious, Alvarado frequently shows her sense of humor, and it was a fairly quick read. I can't say I agree with all the theoreticals espoused by the subject, but Alvarado's narrative helped me understand why she felt that way, so I feel it was successful.

Took a little longer to arrive before i wanted it but all was in good condition as described. would do business again with them anytime. I would call myself a seasoned traveler to Honduras, despite the usual travel warnings now and then from the state department, but i wanted to know more about the struggles some Hondurans go through and this book i felt could enlighten me a lot more despite the usual life in Tegus, Roatan, Copan and other well to do areas.

Because it's a testimonial and translation, this book is told in a very simple, straighforward way that a lot of people could probably read and understand easily. It's an eye-opening and inspiring read which I would definitely recommend.

Having lived in Honduras for almost two years, I have seen the poverty of which Elvia speaks. I also had an uncle who was an activist like Elvia. This book does a wonderful job at showing how difficult it is to rise above poverty in a third world nation and how unorganized and corrupt these governments are. The honesty of her words made it all too real.I highly recommend this book! Current political situtations have changed since the publication of this book, so I don't recommend using it for research papers, etc.

I really learned allot from this book, specifically because of the voice it was written in. i hope there is

a chance to follow-up and see how history unfolded since this was first published.

A Testament of "Woman Versus Machine,"The Anarchist BibleReestablishes Retribution and Conviction In The Modern WorldPublished In 1990, And Elvia Alvarado Is Still Fighting Today.Join The Battle

Insightful and interesting, this book opened my eyes to some very important issues in Honduras. A friend recommended it to me after she'd spent a year teaching abroad. Great book.

I enjoyed reading the book, it was very entertaining. I got the book at a very fair price. It was worth getting.

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