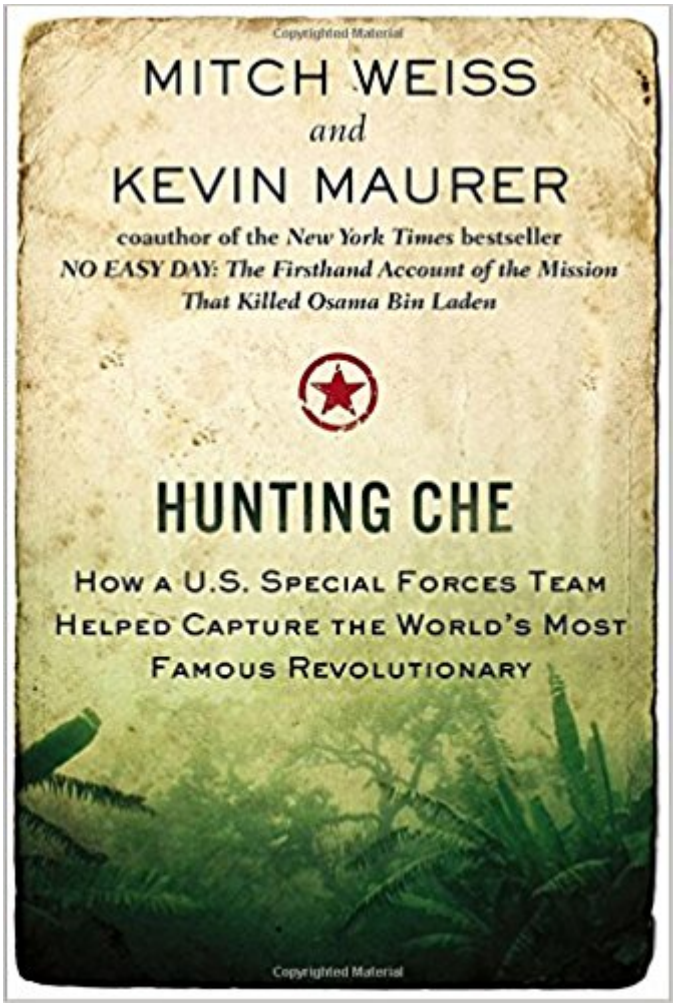
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Hunting Che: How A U.S. Special Forces Team Helped Capture The World's Most Famous Revolutionary



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Synopsis

The hunt for Ernesto Ã¢â ¬Å“CheÃ¢â ¬Â• Guevera was one of the first successful U.S. Special Forces missions in history. Using government reports and documents, as well as eyewitness accounts, Hunting Che tells the untold story of how the infamous revolutionary was capturedÃ¢â ¬â •a mission later duplicated in Afghanistan and Iraq.As one of the architects of the Cuban Revolution, Guevera had become famous for supporting and organizing similar insurgencies in Africa and Latin America. When he turned his attention to Bolivia in 1967, the Pentagon made a decision: Che had to be stopped.Major Ralph Ã¢â ¬Å“PappyÃ¢â ¬Â• Shelton was called upon to lead the mission. Much was unknown about CheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s force in Bolivia, and the stakes were high. With a handpicked team of Green Berets, Shelton turned Bolivian peasants into a trained fighting and intelligence-gathering force.Hunting Che follows SheltonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s American team and the newly formed Bolivian Rangers through the hunt to CheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s eventual capture and execution. With the White House and the Pentagon monitoring every move, Shelton and his team helped prevent another Communist threat from taking root in the West.INCLUDES PHOTOSÃ Â

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Customer Reviews

This revealing account of Che GuevaraÃ¢â ¬â„¢s ill-fated guerrilla campaign in Bolivia in 1967 and his capture and excecution by U.S.-aided Bolivian forces offers a new perspective on the iconic revolutionaryÃ¢â ¬â„¢s last days. Weiss is an investigative journalist for the Associated Press, and Maurer is the coauthor of No Easy Day (2013), which described the mission to track and kill Osama

bin Laden. Their description of the molding of the Bolivian units into an effective fighting force by U.S. Green Berets is engrossing, and they provide a detailed account of the final hours of CheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s life. In particular, his interrogation by the admirable Bolivian officer Gary Prado is strangely sad and moving, as Che is both reflective and intransigent. --Jay Freeman --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"This is the real storyÃ¢â ¬â •extremely well toldÃ¢â ¬â •of the unraveling of a guerrilla force and the patient and heroic team work of the men who brought down the iconic myth."Ã¢â ¬â •Enrique Encinosa, author of Unvanquished: Cuba's Resistance to Fidel Castro"Weiss and Maurer have done it again...With memorable characters, rich detail and a fast-moving narrative, they bring us deep into the Bolivian jungle - and into a riveting story you will not want to miss."Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •Ames Alexander, award-winning investigative reporter with the Charlotte Observer"Hunting Che provides a powerful portrait of an iconic revolutionary who fell prey to his own ego and passions and a US blacks ops team hellbent on his capture -- and death."Ã¢â ¬â •Michael Sallah, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The Washington PostÃ¢â ¬Å“Veteran journalists Mitch Weiss and Kevin Maurer have tag-teamed on another nail-biterÃ¢â ¬Â¦They shed light on an importantÃ¢â ¬â •largely misunderstoodÃ¢â ¬â •operation with fairness, objectivity, and candor.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Tom Henry, Toledo-based writer and book reviewer

This book was so good that I bought extra copies for my friends. it is a unique book because very few people know the final episode in Che's life and many don't understand what this so called revolutionary was doing in Bolivia at that time. There are photos which clearly show Che's condition when he was captured by the Bolivian's ranger. The story takes you back to the political situation in Latin America in the sixties. Once you start to read this book, it is hard to put it down.

Vivid, but pertinent storytelling coupled with well-articulated historical intelligence analysis. Definitely a great book that perfectly describes the kind of SF job that Groups were made for. I whole-heartedly recommend this book to anyone who wants to know about how COIN is SUPPOSED to work, or how the US used to deal with threats during the Vietnam era that were not actually in SE Asia.

WOW!!!! This is a complement... historical account, step by step how this fight took place....Very interesting. The avid reader, asmyself, keeps looking forward to see what is next. I did confirm,

during those years, that many of these details happened... even remember reading them in the press.

As a historian, it was refreshing to read a book that actually chronicled the capture of Che. The CIA, contrary to popular lore, wanted him alive as he had more value in intelligence and propaganda than as a martyr.While the emphasis was on the fact that US Special Forces trained the Bolivian Rangers who ultimately captured Che, the real heroes are the Bolivian Soldiers and the two CIA Agents, one of whom was Felix Rodriguez, who were able to peice the clues together and steer the Rangers to the region where Che was operating/

Ernesto Guevara was an assassin he proved that in Cuba killing even children, Where he also ruined the Cuban economy. he knew nothing about warfare, the world has been sold a bill of worthless goods about his iconic status as a guerrilla fighter; look at the history:, a few Bolivian Rangers with only two months of training tracked him down and killed/captured Che's entire group . He and his "guerrillas Spend most of their time in the Bolivian mountains lost, he failed to recruit followers, failed to motivate the few that joined his band of misfits and had dissention in his ranks he was in poor physical condition and actually could barely walk the rough terrain in which he chose to deploy his "gerrilleros." Many of Castro's men have said Che never fired a shot during any firefight against Batista's army in Cuba. Castr has used Guevara as useful myth to aggrandize his failed revolution.

This book delivers its exact description. Maurer has been highlighting the foundational capabilities of Special Forces in his recently released books. In Hunting Che, he tells the story, with his co-author, of how SF played a fundamental role in the training and development of the foreign Ranger team that captured the famous revolutionary. While historic in nature, the book is well researched and reads like a very well written personalized story in journalistic style. The writers capture the setting, the politics, the emotions, and most importantly (to me) the varied soldiers' mindset of initial self-doubt to trained and inspired confidence. Hunting Che ends up being two solid books in one---the story of the hunt for Che, and an historic example of how the U.S. Special Forces foundational skills of training and working with other militaries can be leveraged and must remained honed, as a strategic unconventional weapon for global demands that remain today. Well done guys!-J.T. P

This is an excellent narrative of a special operations effort done right. While the analogy isn`t

perfect, this book can serve as a practical illustration of the kind of counter-insurgency effort visualized by contemporary COIN advocates and discussed in Fred Kaplan`s "The Insurgents".

Che’s military career in Bolivia was, in practical terms, a fiasco. He was pursuing an dream whose fulfillment would have ruined everything, not simply for him, but for everyone. He achieved historical immortality by dying young. If Che were alive today he would probably be regarded as one of the 20th century’s worst killers.

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