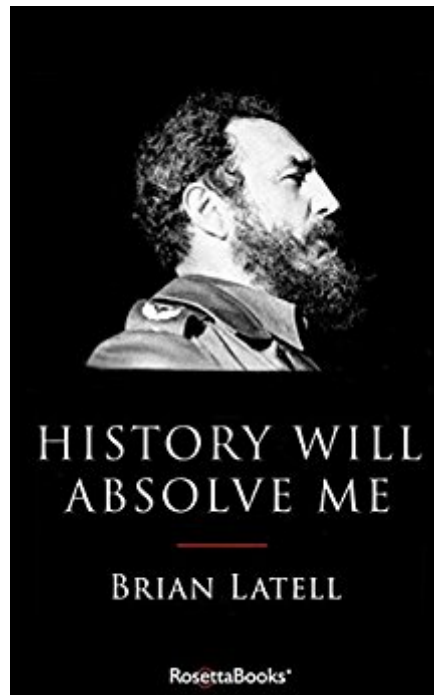




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Synopsis

On trial in Santiago for leading a bloody assault on the city's Moncada garrison, young revolutionary leader Fidel Castro uttered a phrase in court that would come to serve as a rallying cry for his 26th of July Movement and his regime thereafter: "History will absolve me." Despite the fact that his methods resulted in great loss of life on both sides, Castro never wavered in his belief that in the final reckoning his work would be vindicated—his violence necessary in bringing a new government to Cuba and a new political model to the developing world. For over fifty years, CIA analyst Brian Latell tracked Fidel Castro relentlessly—getting to know his habits, his fears, and the passions that drove him. In this book, the master spy steps from the shadows to paint a complex and nuanced portrait of the man he came to know better than any other intelligence target—revealing the mind and motivations of one of the most mercurial, passionate, and dominating leaders of the twentieth century.

About the Author CIA analyst Dr. Brian Latell was assigned to Fidel Castro in the 1960s and tracked the plans and actions of the unpredictable revolutionary leader for the next thirty-five years. As a Latin America specialist for the CIA and the National Intelligence Council for more than four decades, reaching a civilian four-star rank, he has served seven US presidents and won the CIA's Distinguished Intelligence Medal. He is also the author of *After Fidel: Raul Castro and the Future of Cuba's Revolution*, which has been published in eight languages around the world, as well as *Castro's Secret: Cuban Intelligence, the CIA, and the Assassination of John F. Kennedy*.

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Great history lesson well written book with a lot of passages from Castro life . Mr. Latell knows the Castro history well and his philosophical aspects of his life .Good read for those who do not know the Cuban revolution and the myth from the media

This is a short version biography of Fidel Castro. Latell mostly stays away from the politics and talks facts, plainly and simply. The book has everything from illustrative and enticing language to action and suspense as you're taken through a half century of history centered on one of the most titanic figures of history.

Dr. Latell does it again. Perhaps the world's premier authority on all things Castro, again dives into the heart and soul (and history) of modern era's most colorful and charismatic dictator. A must read for any true Cuban history academic. In this book we see the good, bad and ugly of the man as well as his cult of personality regime.

Mesmerizing! Very accurate and well assembled. Simply could not put this book down. It is a must read for those who want to learn of the real Fidel. Great job Dr. Latell!

This is perhaps one of the best books from which to gain an understanding of Fidel. Highly recommended. I first visited Cuba in the 1990s, during the "Special Period", and most recently in 2016. Particularly the marked transition seen in those 20 years make sense after reading this book.

Excellent, fair and concise history of Fidel Castro's rise from illegitimate son of a maid to proponent of nuclear war and hero to much of the world's left. Latell is no admirer of Castro, but gives credit where it is due.

This is a great book! A must read, especially for Cuban Americans. Learned so much and so many misconceptions were cleared up.

Given Fidel Castro's long overdue death, this clear, crisp, dispassionate biography comes to bury Castro not to praise him. Author Brian Latell is an old Cuba hand, both for American intelligence and history. As he makes clear in the prologue, his US policy-driving analyses were not lost on Cuba's formidable General Directorate of Intelligence (DGI) or Castro himself. Now, we civilians can benefit from Latell's lifelong study of the infamous dictator to comprehend the drives and demons that drove him from unacknowledged illegitimate son to atop the world's stage for sixty years, all in less than a hundred engrossing pages. President Obama said "history will judge the enormous impact of this singular figure on the world around him. Latelle's book is a great place to start judging.

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