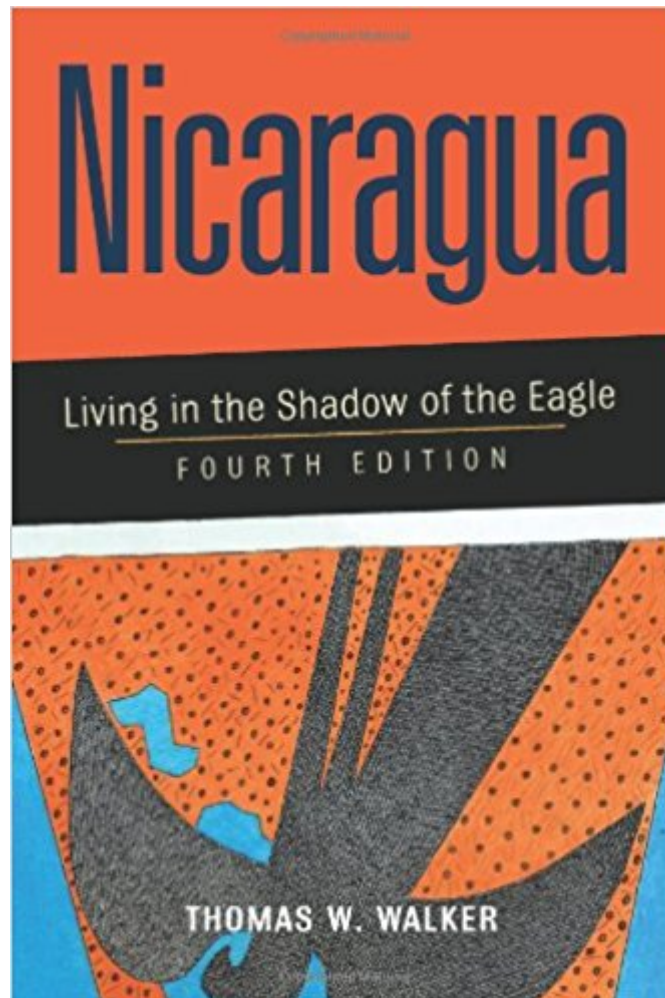




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Nicaragua : Living In The Shadow Of The Eagle



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"This is the best available single source on the history, particularly the recent history, of that tortured country." -- Robert J. Alexander, Rutgers University

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Great book (practically the only one like it) for anyone who wants to understand Nicaragua's tumultuous historical relationship with the U.S., and it also gives a lot of really valuable background information about Nicaragua generally as well.

An extremely well-informed overview of Nicaragua and its relations with the United States, this book meticulously describes how Nicaragua's great potential has been stifled, often with extreme violence, by the interventionist policies of its northern neighbor. Situated appropriately within the context of hegemonic relations, this book also illuminates the roots, character, and fate of the heroic struggles for freedom, equality, and well-being that have been waged by rural and urban Nicaraguans alike. Thomas Walker and Christine Wade have provided us with a revealing case study on U.S. hegemony in Central America that should be read widely.

I enjoyed this book very much. I had not realized the extent of the harm the US created in Nicaragua with the contras.

I've lived part-time in Nicaragua (Granada) since 2001. This book is probably the most balanced and authentic I've read. Even when I'm thinking a point of view is obviously biased, the other side of the story always appears later on. Could go into more detail (for instance it doesn't even mention the 1979 summary execution of ABC reporter Bill Stewart by the National Guard) about almost everything, and in some ways the lack of it hides crucial facts. On the other hand, you could write an entire book on each of the hundreds of topics covered.

Great condition!

Awesome, I prefer the fourth edition but was not available

This is written in a remarkably even-handed register when you consider the outrageous (imperial?) actions of the US over the years, regarding Nicaragua. I also found the explanation of dependent economies (where most of the effort goes into goods for export rather than goods for the common good!) very enlightening. It challenged my basic beliefs of what government does and should do for, with, and by its citizenry. If you want a concise history of Nicaragua that includes treatment of all the factions involved over the years, this is it! The author has appended an extensive bibliography of

English-language sources and additional reading materials that appears very thorough and helpful to going deeper into this country.

While often enjoyable, Walker and co-authors are very often judgmental and ethnocentric in their meandering historical narrative of Nicaragua.

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