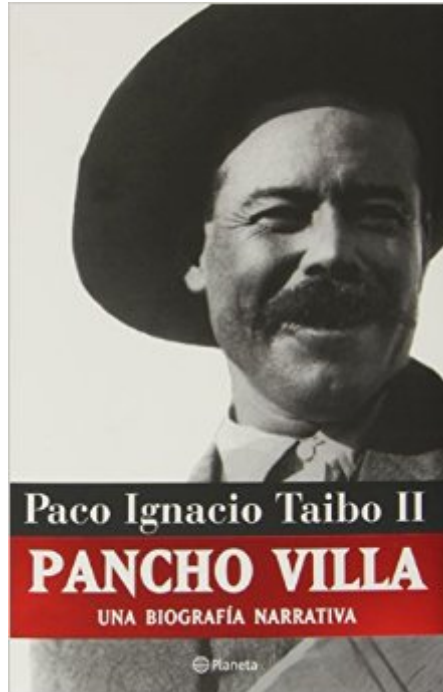


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Pancho Villa: Una Biografia Narrativa (Spanish Edition)



Synopsis

La biografía no autorizada del más famoso de los revolucionarios. Esta obra relata, con el estilo vibrante de Paco Ignacio Taibo II, todas las peripecias desde los detalles más extravagantes hasta los momentos más trascendentes; de un hombre sagaz, abstemio, de mirada magnética, cuya única ley es la que se daba a sí mismo. Fiel al espíritu villista: «Se usa primero el cacha -decía Pancho señalando la cabeza- y luego los otros -tomándose los testículos.» Pancho Villa retrata inmejorablemente a un complejo personaje que siempre estuvo en constante fuga, incluso después de muerto. Taibo II desgrana en estas páginas la intensa vida de Pancho Villa, uno de los más grandes revolucionarios mexicanos. La travesía de Villa, temeraria y desmedida, saturada de hechos heroicos y trágicos, siempre ha sido un símbolo atemporal de la Revolución mexicana.

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An excellent read and probably set to become the definitive biography of Pancho Villa. Taibo covers the entire life (30 years) from the various aspects - outlaw, social reformer, military, family, political, film (!), of a man who was larger than life. Villa taught himself to read before escaping the Mexican equivalent of Alcatraz. A complete teetotaler, he would shoot his drunk officers on the spot and preferred an ice cream. A champion of education, he provided the first free public schools as a governor. He had the first air force of Latin America and effectively used tactics and technology in an age when machine guns and horsed cavalries met in battle. As the title indicates, the book is a

narrative biography which in the hands of Taibo, a police/crime novelist, is an absorbing read. While sympathetic to Villa (difficult not be), the book is thoroughly researched and provides various primary source references that provide a holistic view and help discern from what was myth and fact. The book also has 400 + pictures, many previously unpublished as noted in the back cover. However, they are small in size (2 inches long x 1 inch wide). The book is in Spanish and at the time of this writing (March 2009) there is no English translation of this book on .Highly recommended for research, Mexican Revolution, war films, US-Mexico relations, and just general reading. Definitely one of the most fascinating persons in the 20th century. See also the review from Criticas [...]

Aun no termino el libro, pero las descripciones y la narraci3n son excelentes, nada tediosas y bien documentadas. Me encanta que se hayan comparado los hechos y las fuentes, que se desmientan falsas autor3as que con el tiempo se han dado a ciertas fotos, sin embargo me hubiera gustado ver las fotos en grande en alg3n apartado al final del libro. Las fotos son super peque3as y cuesta trabajo identificar a los personajes.

This book reveals very important unknown aspects of this revolutionary. The author describes with details the Mexican Revolution as accurate as the reliable witnesses as well as historic registers, personal letters, and a very complete bibliography could be and at the same time, with the same careful detailed an innovative and stunning biography of the legendary Pancho Villa. Some people hate him , some others love him like a hero or as their Godfather, but the truth is that this man is still being big news in the Mexican History. Other ones simply don't want to forget. Good work on research and presentation. I love this book!

Excelente. Es una l3stima dar vuelta la 3ltima p3gina y tener que convivir con un mundo sin Villa. El libro de 860 p3ginas es un duro hueso de roer que uno termina devorando seducido por la personalidad de un Pancho Villa irrepetible. Un relato plural en el que el narrador ofrece asiento hasta las interpretaciones m3s ajenas de su sentir. Recomendado.

For the intermediate level Spanish reader this book is very accessible. The story is told in an interesting way, too. The book is fun to read as well as being informative. Be prepared for a long read, though.

This book is by far my favorite book. I highly recommend it to anybody who is interested in the old

Mexico. And the life of one of the greatest men in the history of the country. It is incredible how in depth the author investigated the topic. The author is able to depict the battles so well, that you actually feel you are participating side by side with Pancho Villa

El trabajo histórico y la narración son excelentes. Lamentablemente las fotografías fueron colocadas dentro de las notas pie de página impresas a un tamaño ridículo que hace imposible apreciarlas. Un verdadero desperdicio.

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