

Land Liberation And Death Squads: Uncovering the Dark History of Land Grabs and Violence

Land has always been a source of wealth and power, but in Latin America, its ownership has often come at a great cost. For centuries, indigenous peoples have been dispossessed of their ancestral lands, often through violence and intimidation. In recent decades, the phenomenon of land grabbing has accelerated, as corporations and agribusinesses have sought to acquire vast tracts of land for profit.



Land, Liberation, and Death Squads: A Priest's Story, Suchitoto, El Salvador, 1968–1977 by Judith A. Tyner

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This book tells the story of land liberation and death squads in Latin America, a story that is both harrowing and inspiring. It is a story of greed, corruption, and violence, but also of resistance and hope. The author, a seasoned journalist who has spent years investigating this issue, has

uncovered a wealth of new information that sheds light on this dark chapter in Latin American history.

Land Grabbing and Violence in Latin America

Land grabbing is the large-scale acquisition of land, often through illegal or coercive means. In Latin America, land grabbing has been a major problem for decades, as corporations and agribusinesses have sought to acquire vast tracts of land for profit. This has led to the displacement of millions of people, as well as widespread environmental destruction.

In many cases, land grabbing has been accompanied by violence. Death squads, often hired by corporations or agribusinesses, have been used to intimidate and kill those who resist displacement. In Colombia, for example, it is estimated that over 2,000 people have been killed by death squads in land-related conflicts.

The Case of Honduras

Honduras is one of the countries that has been most affected by land grabbing and violence. In recent years, the country has seen a surge in land acquisitions by foreign corporations, particularly in the palm oil industry. This has led to widespread displacement of indigenous peoples and small-scale farmers.

In 2016, Berta Cáceres, a leading environmental activist who opposed the construction of a hydroelectric dam on indigenous land, was murdered by gunmen. Her death sparked international outrage and led to the suspension of the dam project. However, the violence has continued, with other activists and land defenders being killed or threatened.

The Role of the United States

The United States has played a significant role in the land grabbing and violence that has occurred in Latin America. U.S. corporations have been major investors in agribusiness and other industries that have been involved in land grabs. In addition, the U.S. government has provided military and economic aid to governments that have been complicit in violence against land defenders.

Resistance and Hope

Despite the violence and intimidation, there is a growing movement of resistance to land grabbing in Latin America. Indigenous peoples, small-scale farmers, and environmental activists are organizing to defend their land and their livelihoods. They are calling for an end to land grabbing and for the recognition of the rights of indigenous peoples.

This book is a testament to the courage and resilience of the people who are fighting for land justice in Latin America. It is a story of hope and inspiration, and it is a call to action for all who believe that everyone has the right to own and control their own land.

Land Liberation And Death Squads is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the complex and often violent history of land ownership in Latin America. It is a powerful indictment of corporate greed and political corruption, and it is a call to action for all who believe that everyone has the right to own and control their own land.

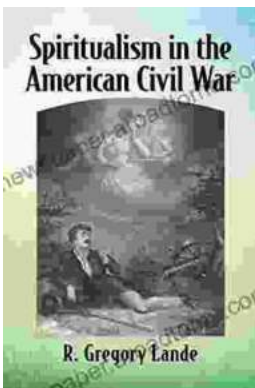
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