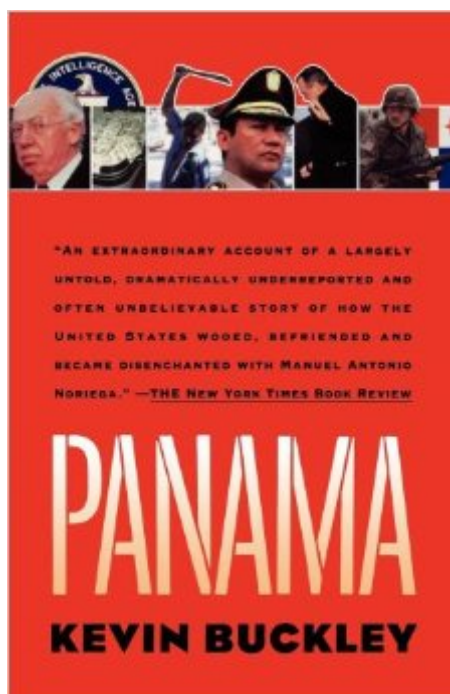


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## Synopsis

Written by a seasoned journalist and updated to include Noriega's trial, this account of U.S. involvement in Panama "reads like a spy thriller" (Publishers Weekly). Buckley shows that U.S. policymakers were fully aware of Noriega's drug-trafficking activities and his association with the Medellin cocaine cartel when they worked with him.

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## Customer Reviews

Having lived in Panama during the Noriega dictatorship, I am an avid reader of books covering this particular period of Panamanian history. While I found Kevin Buckley's book to be generally well written, it tries to cover too much ground in too little space, providing readers with an abbreviated account of major events during the rule of strong men Omar Torrijos and Manuel Noriega. For a more in-depth perspective on Panamanian history, I found that using the names of these two dictators as key words in my search resulted in a better selection of books.

Very useful, readable account of the events surrounding the invasion, and vivid details of another example of the age-old American policy of overthrowing foreign regimes. Often critical but never overtly opinionated, Buckley's best section relates to the failed U.S.-backed coup and its tragic aftermath.

The book is about the history of Panama in 1985-1989. In it is described as Noriega goes to be the

man of the United States of America to Panama in an undesirable. According to the author, this transformation begins when Noriega refused to cooperate and provide Panama to prepare the Contras trying to overthrow the government of Nicaragua and to cooperate with other Central paramilitary movements. Also refused to agree to bases in Panama. From his little collaboration begins the campaign in a U.S. newspaper and supported by some Panamanians ends with the invasion of Panama. The book is incredibly objective despite being written by an American citizen who writes things as they are. It is highly recommended for those who wish to have a true knowledge of the facts and why of things. When you write this type of review, it appears that they are not useful, but it is an objective review of the book, is my opinion of the work, not of events. Rate the review is not helpful not just because you disagree with what it says does not think it is the aim of qualifying them (the review).

I enjoyed reading through this history on Panama. I have very little background on South and Central America and this book definitely helps illuminate the dark

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