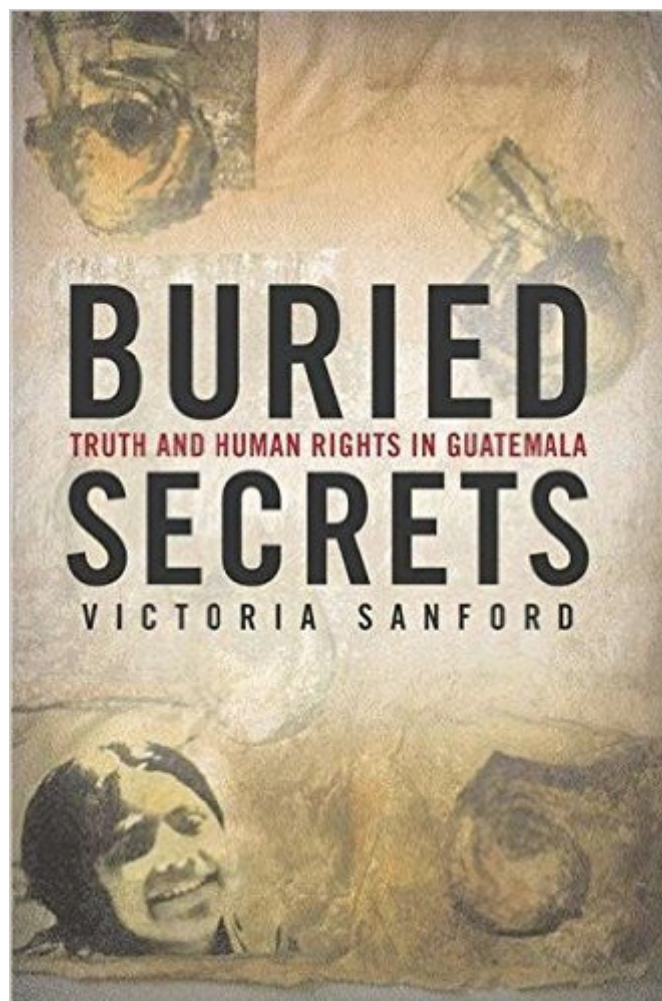


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# Buried Secrets: Truth And Human Rights In Guatemala



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Between the late 1970s and the late-1980s, Guatemala was torn by mass terror and extreme violence in a genocidal campaign against the Maya, which became known as "La Violencia." More than 600 massacres occurred, one and a half million people were displaced, and more than 200,000 civilians were murdered, most of them Maya. *Buried Secrets* brings these chilling statistics to life as it chronicles the journey of Maya survivors seeking truth, justice, and community healing, and demonstrates that the Guatemalan army carried out a systematic and intentional genocide against the Maya. The book is based on exhaustive research, including more than 400 testimonies from massacre survivors, interviews with members of the forensic team, human rights leaders, high-ranking military officers, guerrilla combatants, and government officials. *Buried Secrets* traces truth-telling and political change from isolated Maya villages to national political events, and provides a unique look into the experiences of Maya survivors as they struggle to rebuild their communities and lives.

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A must have resource for those students and experts of the Guatemalan history, human rights and Latin American issues. Dr. Sanford's research is brilliant!

My main complaint about this book is that as a whole, this book is repetitive. I understand that some of the chapters are other studies printed elsewhere and that this is a compilation of these studies by the author, but the result is a slightly-frustrating read due to the repeating information. The topic,

however, deserves our attention. The genocide in Guatemala during the Guatemalan civil war is an ugly part of the history of the USA, and I think few of our citizens understand the violent legacy that we encouraged and funded through the oppressively violent and corrupt Guatemalan army. It's shameful. If you know nothing about the topic, then this book would be an appropriate place to start but be warned that some of the material is heavily repeated throughout the text.

Read first few chapters. Honest and insightful by someone on the ground. I appreciated her combination of ethnographic detail and keen insights into individuals like soldiers, rebels, etc.

Great book even though it covers a pretty heavy subject. I personally read it for a class but if you enjoy international history is give it a shot.

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