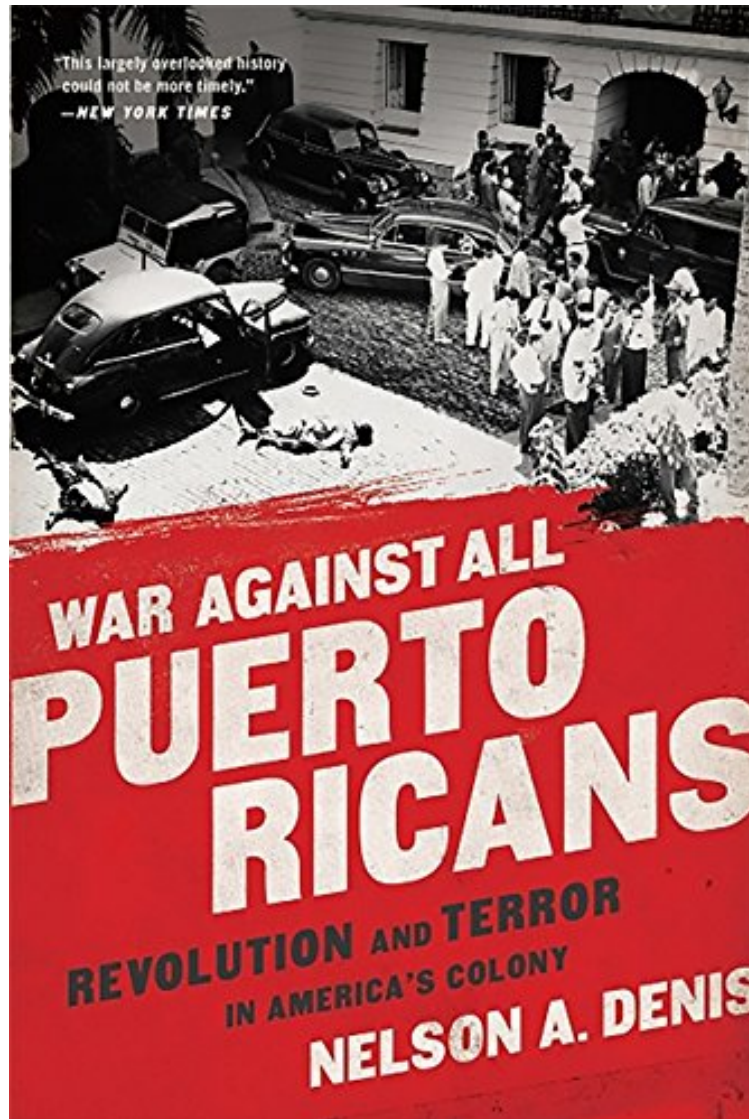


War Against All Puerto Ricans: Revolution and Terror in America's Colony

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Nelson A Denis : War Against All Puerto Ricans: Revolution and Terror in America's Colony before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised War Against All Puerto Ricans: Revolution and Terror in America's Colony:

111 of 114 people found the following review helpful. A terrific MOVIE! in the making! By Alexander RodriguezI

was stunned and astounded by Nelson Denis' enthralling book, *War Against All Puerto Ricans: Revolution and Terror in America's Colony*. This book documents a "secret history" of Puerto Rico that is not taught in our schools - not in the US, and definitely not in Puerto Rico. Yet these events did happen, and they are presented in this meticulously researched book with nearly 100 pages of footnotes as well as many intriguing photos of that epoch. Remarkably, even some of the footnotes are shocking. The author is a lawyer and the extensive research confirms that. The United States is on trial here. The evidence is clear, convincing, and deeply organized. Hundreds of FBI documents provide the most shameful proof of all. By the end of the book, the entire US government has been placed on the witness stand, cross-examined, and found guilty of stealing an entire island. But the deepest impression from this book is the way Denis told an electrifying story. The attempted assassination of Pres. Harry Truman, the Ponce Massacre, the Revolution of 1950, the Gunfight at Salon Boricua, the prison torture of Albizu Campos... all of these tableaux unfolded like a series of dramatic, high-action movie scenes. I could see these scenes playing, right in front of my eyes. My mind reeling as if I were in a time machine being transported to colonial Puerto Rico. This book would make one hell of a movie. It is based on a history that has never been told. There are 8 million Puerto Ricans and over 55 million Latinos that would eat it up. I could see Benicio Del Toro or Marc Anthony in the role leading role of Don Pedro Albizu Campos. Consider this an open letter to any smart and successful movie producer out there. The next great historical and socio-politically relevant moneymaking story has been tailor-made for you. And what an amazing movie it would make!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The Jackboot up close and personal. By Michael B. Green. Like the principal hero of his gripping anti-imperialist tale, Pedro Albizu Campos, Nelson Denis is a Puerto Rican graduate of Harvard Law School with a passionate love for his country and an angry contempt for the racist Anglos who have, by deliberate design, done it so much harm. There are many heroes whose stories are told in overlapping narratives that intersect at two great focal points, the Ponce massacre of March 21, 1937 and the assault of the independentistas on the U.S. Capitol November 1, 1950 in an unsuccessful attempt on the life of President Truman in response to the darkly concealed and only time that the U.S. military has engaged in massive bombing of its own citizens. To get to each of the points, and from one to the others, Denis takes us down the trail of U.S. betrayal of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement as the US claimed to liberate it from Spain while instead becoming its imperial master. Each step is spiked with the standard brutal suppression of labor and sovereignty, laced with arcane medical torture for its leaders, overt American colonial governors replaced with native-born compradors all the more insidious, coupled with a cruelty and cowardice of the oppressors matched only by the pride and courage of the resistance. Alas, as Denis himself remarks and conveys, all in vain, but foreshadowing the current bankruptcy which has been imposed on the island like its crown of thorns. This is Denis's book and if he were in Fahrenheit 451 this would be what he has to say. It would be almost disrespectful to ask Denis about his next book because it would mean that one hadn't understood this one. Parts of the book are impossible to write unless someone were there, but no-one was. How did he do it? Invention? Creative fiction? No, the author has spent a lifetime talking to the people who were there and survived, reading the records, watching the films, breathing the spirits and getting inside the hearts and souls of its agents. And so he wrote what happened to his heroes from their perspective, with their voices, and with their defiance and produced a heart-wrenching if all-too-familiar story that nobody else would ever have been able to tell.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Greatest Book ever on Puerto Rico's True History and current. By Enrique. I bought already 2 of these book's, one for myself and my niece which was delighted by the writer's passion of Puerto Rico's History. There's no doubt that Puerto Rico needs freedom needs Independence to coexist and that people who believed in Liberty were silenced and incarcerated for loving their island nation. I hope many more people buy and read this book because it literally brought me to tears as if I were living history today. After reading this book it makes me want to advocate even more for political prisoners such as Oscar Lopez Rivera who has been jailed for 34 years in U.S. prisons for his belief in Puerto Rico's Independence and contribute more for Puerto Rico's Independence for love of my identity my people my flag and my Country Borinquen.

In 1950, after over fifty years of military occupation and colonial rule, the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico staged an unsuccessful armed insurrection against the United States. Violence swept through the island: assassins were sent to kill President Harry Truman, gunfights roared in eight towns, police stations and post offices were burned down. In order to suppress this uprising, the US Army deployed thousands of troops and bombarded two towns, marking the first time in history that the US government bombed its own citizens. Nelson A. Denis tells this powerful story through the controversial life of Pedro Albizu Campos, who served as the president of the Nationalist Party. A lawyer, chemical engineer, and the first Puerto Rican to graduate from Harvard Law School, Albizu Campos was imprisoned for twenty-five years and died under mysterious circumstances. By tracing his life and death, Denis shows how the journey of Albizu Campos is part of a larger story of Puerto Rico and US colonialism. Through oral histories, personal interviews, eyewitness accounts, congressional testimony, and recently declassified FBI files, *War Against All Puerto Ricans* tells the story of a forgotten revolution and its context in Puerto Rico's history, from the US invasion in 1898 to the modern-day struggle for self-determination. Denis provides an unflinching account of the gunfights, prison riots, political intrigue, FBI and CIA covert activity, and mass hysteria that accompanied this tumultuous period in Puerto

Rican history.

A meticulous and riveting account of the decades-long clash between the Puerto Rican independence movement, led by Pedro Albizu Campos, and the commonwealth's U.S.-appointed stewards, national police force, the FBI and, ultimately, the U.S. Army" Ray Monell, New York Daily News"The writing is terrific...I found the footnotes and notes to be as fascinating and riveting as the narrative...Denis spent many years researching, reading, studying and analyzing, then has distilled a complicated history into a narrative that a general reader can understand and he's skillful in getting readers emotionally involved in the story." Esmeralda Santiago, author of *When I was Puerto Rican*"In addition to a ton of data, the book presents photographs of the key events. Denis reviews the relationship between the US and the island, focusing on how the US government used all of its powers to suppress any attempt at independence or Nationalism on the island." Hermes Ayala, *Dilogo UPR*, University of Puerto Rico"This book is important...Our history has been stripped from us...There is a war against all Puerto Ricans!" Howard Jordan, WBAI Radio"An enlightening and engaging read...a must-read for anyone interested in learning more about Puerto Rico. Denis provides a more detailed account, thanks to exclusive interviews conducted over a span of decades, as well as thousands of public records, including recently de-classified FBI documents." Andre Lee Muiz, *La Respuesta*"War Against All Puerto Ricans is a fascinating read...mind-blowing...women were sterilized, people were tortured, cities were bombed by US planes...A lot of Americans will learn a great deal from reading it. I know I did." Jerome McDonald, WBEZ Worldview"With *War Against All Puerto Ricans*, Nelson Denis doesn't just give us history. He gives us history on fire. This is a thoroughly researched indictment of over a century of U.S. policy toward one small island. Here we have a full-throated eulogy of brave heroes, men and women of conviction, who devoted every drop of their blood to a people and a principle...Denis packs 258 pages (plus another 71 pages of notes) with detailed accounts of government corruption, police abuse, Wall Street greed, scientific experimentation, politicking, graft, racism, wholesale slaughter, surveillance, assassinations, eugenics, propaganda, espionage, forgery and falsification all within the span of half a century, and on an island no bigger than Connecticut." Hector Luis Alamo, *Gozamos*A patient, calibrated, fully-researched study of the mendacious, hypocritical way the United States treats its Caribbean colony, castrating its leadership, bombarding its villages, experimenting biologically with its population. Puerto Rico is, in a word, *el calabozo*. Denis knows the truth first-hand and refuses to sugarcoat it. Ilan Stavans, author of *Spanglish: The Making of a New American Language*Sometime in the not-too distant future, we will resolve the relationship between the United States and Puerto Rico. To understand where we are going, we must know our pastboth good and bad. *War Against All Puerto Ricans* fills an important gap in that historical understanding. It is a book that every student of the USPuerto Rico relationship should read. Congressman Jos SerranoAs more than a half century of failed US policy toward Cuba comes to a slow end, Nelson Denis's fascinating new book is a timely reminder of that other island in the Caribbean that the United States took possession of in 1898: Puerto Rico. *War Against All Puerto Ricans* is a remarkable history of a forgotten national liberation movement and Washington's brutal pacification campaign. Greg Grandin, professor of history at New York University and author of *The Empire of Necessity*"[Nelson Denis] provides scathing insights into Washington's response to Albizu Campos's nationalist party and its violent revolution in 1950 that still has broad implications...his perspective of largely overlooked history could not be more timely." New York Times"A pointed, relentless chronicle of a despicable part of past American foreign policy." Kirkus s"A must-read...fascinating...This is not a novel, not a Hollywood script. This is actual history." Gerson Borrero, City State TVReveals the true face of American imperialism in its own backyard Denis's meticulous research reveals an often overlooked element of American history and provides context to the current status of Puerto Rico as a U.S. territory. Publishers Weekly" In searing and well-researched prose, former New York assemblyman and *El Diario* editorial director Denis covers a much-neglected side of U.S. imperialist and colonial practice in Puerto Rico...The historical account he adeptly weaves unabashedly reveals the government's racist and often predatory actions toward its Caribbean colony...This timely, eye-opening title is as much a must-read as Juan Gonzalez's *Harvest of Empire*." Shelley Diaz, Library Journal