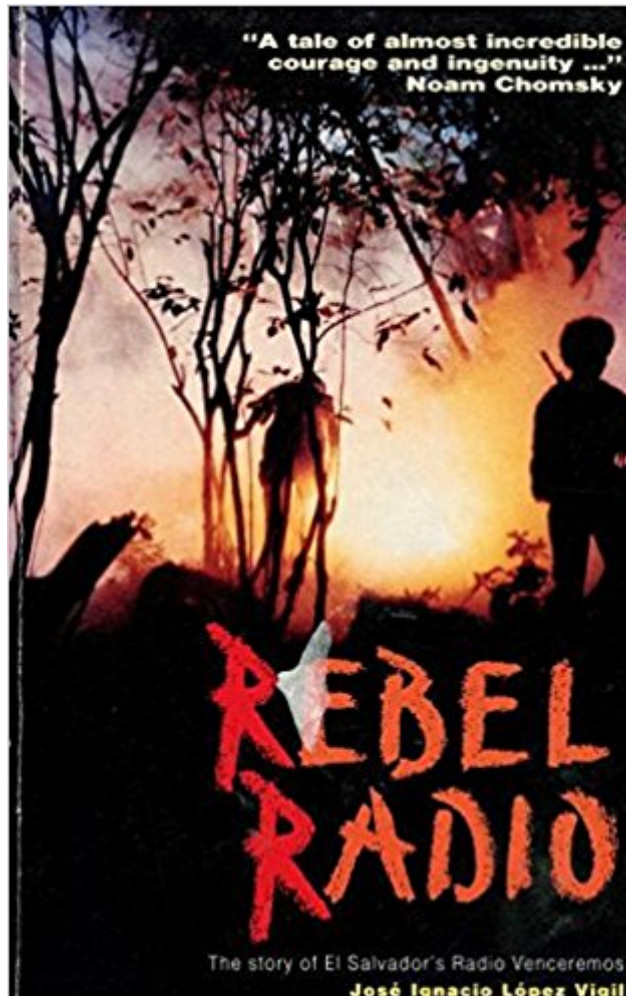




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Daily during the 1979-92 civil war in El Salvador, Radio Venceremos ("We Will Win"), voice of the Farabundo Marti Liberation Front, broadcast exhortations, instructions and propaganda, mostly from the mountain jungle of Morazan Province. The author, a radio journalist with the World Association of Community Broadcasters, combines reminiscences of radio station veterans with excerpts from broadcast transcripts. In vivid and often funny language, these tough men and women describe how they lugged crude radio equipment from place to place, transmitting news, playing music, lecturing and airing live reports of helicopter assaults, civilian massacres and battles between guerrillas and government troops. Though a peace accord was signed in 1992 between the government and rebels, Radio Venceremos continues to broadcast. Photos. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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What if the Jews had resisted from day one the Nazis? In the little forgotten hell hole El Salvador was since 1932 to 1992, a small nation of poorly armed idealists, led by amateurs with more heart

and guts than brains, did just that. They fought to a stand still a modern army in a country that had all the savage wilderness of Cape Cod country club, and succeed in ending one of the longest and most horrific military dictatorships in Latin America. This book that makes you laugh, think and cry of joy or sadness, is the result of the telling of the collective story of a radio station, Radio Venceremos, which should not have been able to survive a week, let alone years in the middle of a horrible tragedy that was the Salvadoran Civil War. A must for understand the conflict, and an anthropologists treasure box of knowledge to understand the unique and indomitable nature of the Salvadoran people.

I do not leave many reviews on , but I will for this one. My father-in-law is Salvadoran, and my wife is passionate about her heritage. She wanted to me to read this book because it tells not only the story of the radio, but of the people and what they went through during this terrible civil war. I am saddened and ashamed that my country supported an established regime that terrorized and bullied the people of their own country. I know there some of my countrymen who came and supported the people's cause, but my government did not. I love my country, but I do not love what they did in El Salvador. I highly recommend this story for those who love the underdog cause; those who care for the poor and downtrodden; those who love a great story; and for those who have a connection to the country of El Salvador.

"Rebel Radio" is inspiring, moving, and impossible to put down, and not just for radio fans. It's the story of how a small band of young rebels put a guerrilla station (like a pirate station) on the air and kept it there for years against all odds, told in their own voices. We see them develop as journalists, as artists, and as revolutionaries. The Salvadorans are resourceful, creative, and audacious beyond belief. They tear down the station at a moment's notice and carry it off on their backs, staying just ahead of the government forces who want to destroy them, then taunting the generals on the air, like Wily Coyote and the Roadrunner. You'll fall in love with these people; they're fearsomely brave and committed, yet they have their funny and deeply human moments too. You'll want to run off to El Salvador immediately to see the museum that honors Radio Venceremos.

This book's story is a little example of how cruel power could be against a people. El salvador gave the world some decades ago one of the most gallards fights in order to preserve freedom, justice, wealth, independence, work. Power, land and money inside a fisk and in the other hand a defendless people, armed only with reason. The resulting damages of salvadoran pro- USA death

squads are horrendous: massacres, sexual violations, catholic nuns, union leaders, peasants, teachers, children killed. And the School of the Americas is still open :)... And still current El Salvador government refuses to cooperate with justice.... ... A great homage for those killed.

I read the Spanish version of this book, which I am still trying to find. It is very moving and interesting as it gives the reader who lacks knowledge of the atrocities that occurred in El Salvador a vivid and real insight from the individuals that experienced it. As an educator in a very diverse area in California, I would definitely recommend this book to any of my students interested in learning about the history of their people. It is a very simple yet moving book which will make you think about how people struggle to survive yet are determined to do so against all odds.

I bought this book in El Salvador in one of the few visits that I have made to my natal land, the struggles that all the fighters have to go thru to keep the radio waves opened for all the listeners was horrendous. The book tell the story of the freedom fighters moving all the equipment from site to site and hiding it from the attacks of the salvadorean army. The heroism displayed or let's say described in the book is to be admired. I am not a former guerrilla member nor do I like comunism in any form, but being salvadorean myself I could not hold some tears after reading some of the chapters in the book.

Hola Marvin, me llamo R. Manolo Mendez, 24 años, vivo en Canada, Montreal. Le este libro y me pareció fantastico, increíble, no sabes cuanto lo disfruté. Bueno, solo quería saludarte, soy un gran admirador de la gente que peli por nuestro país, me han recomendado un libro llamado: Carceles Clandestinas, dicen que es muy bueno, pero no lo encuentro en ninguna parte. Bueno, fue un placer saludarte, adios.

my name is marvin galeas, Im one of the guys of the book. By presents Im the Director of Radio Venceremos. I really feel proud for the succes of this book, because is our story... a big part of our life. I already have the english version... is a good job. thank you

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