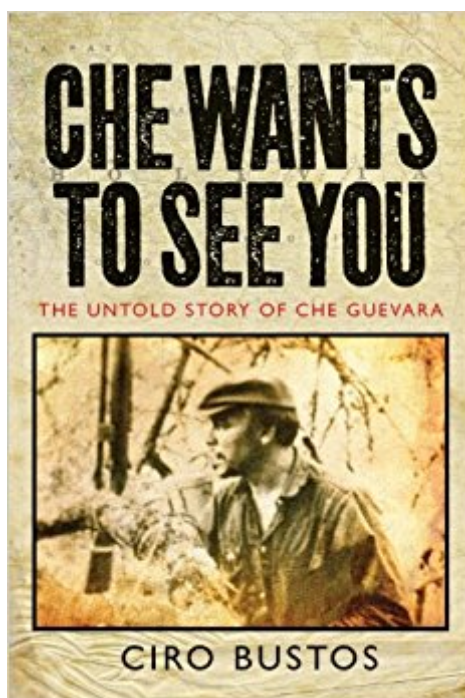


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Che Wants To See You: The Untold Story Of Che Guevara



Synopsis

For the first time, **Ciro Bustos**, Che's right-hand man in the struggle for Argentina, tells his story. As a young man inspired by the example of Cuba, Bustos was determined to bring revolution to the home country he shared with his hero. After a failed attempt to liberate Argentina, it was not until 1966 that he was contacted by the Cubans once again and told, "Che wants to see you." Under false papers, Bustos crossed the border into Bolivia, where Che was in hiding with his guerrilla forces; and here, for the first time, Che shared his plans for a continental revolution. In this fascinating memoir, **Ciro Bustos** tells us a story only he is able to recount: what really happened in Bolivia in 1967 and why he did not betray Che.

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Starred Review. After 40 years of keeping his tale largely private, **Bustos**, a crucial member of Che's operation to launch an Argentine revolution, delivers a seamless memoir that relates his role and Che's plans for South America before the latter's 1967 execution by the CIA in Bolivia. **Bustos** left Buenos Aires for Cuba soon after Castro's revolution—he'd heard a radio broadcast from Cuba in which Che had placed the Cuban struggle in the context of achieving Latin American self-determination. In Havana's suspicious atmosphere his loyalty and identity were questioned, which continued across a decade of reconnaissance for Che throughout South America and Europe. He narrates with nuance his devotion to Che as well as doubts about their enterprise's feasibility. In one absurdist drama, **Bustos** answers a mysterious invitation to China, refuses to repudiate Castro, and is promptly sent home. Castro eventually abandons the Argentine project:

"Havana had taken off its earphones and pulled down its antennae." In prison, Bustos denies all guerilla activity and is eventually granted asylum in Sweden. Bustos's powers of observation and critical commentary make this required reading for both historians of revolution and future world-changers. (June)

This enriching work about Che, the still revered and despised icon of revolution, is primarily concerned with the last gasp of his career: his ill-fated guerrilla campaign in Bolivia in 1967. Bustos was an Argentine artist and Marxist who had participated in Che's earlier, failed effort to instigate a revolution in Argentina. In 1966, he was contacted by Cuban intelligence and agreed to enter Bolivia clandestinely to assist Guevara's efforts to create a foco in Bolivia, which would spread violent revolution to neighboring nations. Bustos was ill equipped to handle the physical demands of the campaign, and he was captured by Bolivian rangers. His account offers some useful insights into the difficulties the efforts entailed and the mistakes made. Long despised for his "betrayal" of Che for his revelations under interrogation, Bustos tries here to exonerate himself, although he isn't particularly convincing. --Jay Freeman

Yes, his description of Mendoza is a masterpiece in the beginning of the story, and the free sample for Kindle made me buy the book at once. Superbly translated from Spanish, the book is not only informative on Che's revolutionary secret dealings, but a very literary work. Bustos has become a very wise man, on top of being a very sensitive person, I could see this from a few other interviews and youtubes.

This author blames the CIA for the decision to execute Guevara, the truth is that the Bolivian Government Which at the time was in a precarious political situation, did not want to go have the international attention and world press scrutiny a trial would bring upon the Bolivian government.

Very interesting!Ciro is a friend of mine!

This is one of these books that once you start reading, you cannot put it away. It is a riveting and gripping story,told magnificently by yhe author, Ciro Bustos that simply exceeds in the narrative of such important facts. His description of Mendoza is a masterpiece in the beginning of the story. I read this book at one breath, I strongly recommend!!

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