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About the Book

During the years of Mexican President Calderone, drug cartels fought pitched battles against other cartels, the police, the army, and the good citizens of Mexico. Kidnappings, murder, threats, and intimidation by drug cartels impinged on every facet of Mexican life.

This story of the de la Vega family in Culiacan, the state capital of the Mexican state of Sinaloa, tells of their struggles with the death of their beloved sister and the courageous brothers who become a force exacting revenge on the Pacific cartel.

This is a tale of adventure, action love, honor, and strength of family despite constant danger and threat.

Reader Comments

“A surgeon took on a drug cartel. The fights were brutal but good people and justice prevailed. The author seems to have deep understanding of Mexican geography and culture. The author needs to get out if still lives there.”

“I love the writing style--broad context with great importance to peoples; big brush that leaves plenty of room for readers' own imaginations. Drug cartels' brutality and money penetrate every corner of the society. The death of Dr. Fox's sister and sister-in-law set off a chain of actions and reactions like a roller coaster... until the fall of the Pacific Cartel. A very inspiring story--even in the worst environment there are always good people who have the courage to do the right thing.”

“This is a great book! Despite the brutality of the drug cartel, good people prevailed. A nerve-racking but inspiring story. Hope this book will direct more public attention to the brutal drug wars in Mexico.”

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