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#### Amazon.com Review

Even to those without Marxist sympathies, Che Guevara (1928-67) was a dashing, charismatic figure: the asthmatic son of an aristocratic Argentine family whose sympathy for the world's oppressed turned him into a socialist revolutionary, the valued comrade-in-arms of Cuba's Fidel Castro and a leader of guerilla warfare in Latin America and Africa. Journalist Jon Lee Anderson's lengthy and absorbing portrait captures the complexities of international politics (revolutionary and counter); his painstaking research has unearthed a remarkable amount of new material, including information about Guevara's death at the hands of the Bolivian military.

#### From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. The incredible life of the Cuban revolutionary Ernesto Che Guevara is documented in this thorough, compulsively engaging 1997 biography and inspiration for Steven Soderbergh's 2008 biopic. Beginning with Che's childhood in Argentina, Andersen covers every possible aspect of his subject's life—from Che's first encounter with Fidel and Raul Castro in Mexico City through the Cuban revolution to his failed attempt at reform in the African Congo—leaving no event, personal or political, unanalyzed. Armando Duran gives a brilliant performance that captures Che in all his contradictions. Duran displays his inherent acting ability in this reading that does full justice to the prose and never fails to captivate despite the near 37-hour length. *A Grove Press hardcover. (Oct.)*

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#### From Library Journal

Although Ernesto "Che" Guevara was captured and killed in the mountains of Bolivia in 1967 at the age of 39, his thought and example continue to affect revolutionary movements throughout the world. Much has been written about this guerrilla fighter, ideologue, and world leader, but an adequate biography has not been available, in part because of restrictions on information imposed by the Cuban government. Assisted by Che's widow and family, journalist Anderson (*Guerrillas*, LJ 9/1/92) was able to interview close friends and associates of Che throughout the world, including in Russia and Cuba. Anderson also gained access to Cuban archives and documents never before consulted. He has written an important journalistic biography that is sympathetic to this influential figure. Though controversy will surround this book (as it always does when the subject is Che), this is an important volume that should be in all academic and most public libraries. —Mark L. Grover, Brigham Young Univ., Provo

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