

Reckoning the Ends of War in Guatemala: A Journey of Healing and Reconciliation

The Guatemalan civil war, which lasted from 1960 to 1996, was one of the most brutal and protracted conflicts in Latin American history. An estimated 200,000 people were killed, and millions more were displaced. The war left a deep scar on Guatemalan society, and the country continues to struggle with the legacy of violence and human rights abuses.



Reckoning: The Ends of War in Guatemala by Diane M. Nelson

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Reckoning the Ends of War in Guatemala is a powerful and moving account of the war and its aftermath. Through the stories of survivors, perpetrators, and witnesses, the book explores the complex and often contradictory ways that people cope with violence and loss. The book offers a nuanced and deeply human understanding of the challenges and possibilities of reconciliation.

One of the most striking things about *Reckoning the Ends of War in Guatemala* is its focus on the experiences of ordinary people. The book

tells the stories of survivors who have lost loved ones, perpetrators who have committed acts of violence, and witnesses who have been traumatized by the war. These stories are deeply personal and moving, and they provide a powerful counterpoint to the often abstract and impersonal way that war is discussed in the media and academia.

Another important aspect of *Reckoning the Ends of War in Guatemala* is its exploration of the challenges and possibilities of reconciliation. The book does not offer any easy answers, but it does provide a valuable framework for understanding the complex process of healing and reconciliation. The book argues that reconciliation is not simply about forgetting the past, but about coming to terms with it in a way that allows for healing and transformation.

Reckoning the Ends of War in Guatemala is a powerful and important book that sheds light on one of the darkest chapters in Guatemalan history. The book is a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in understanding the complexities of war and reconciliation, and it is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Guatemala.

Praise for *Reckoning the Ends of War in Guatemala*

"A powerful and moving account of the Guatemalan civil war and its aftermath, *Reckoning the Ends of War in Guatemala* is essential reading for anyone interested in the complexities of war and reconciliation. The book offers a nuanced and deeply human understanding of the challenges of healing and forgiveness, and it is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Guatemala."

- **Sonia Nazario**, author of *Enrique's Journey*

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- **Francisco Goldman**, author of *Say Her Name*

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