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El País Bajo Mi Piel (Spanish Edition)



Synopsis

Tras casarse muy joven y ser madre, Gioconda Belli se unió al clandestino y emergente movimiento Sandinista, sustituyendo su deseo de ser una buena esposa por la necesidad de vivir una vida plena y comprometida con los cambios sociales en su país. Irónicamente, su pertenencia a la burguesía y su carrera como poeta renombrada, le brindaron la fachada que le permitió funcionar, secretamente, como rebelde. Desde su infancia en Managua y sus encuentros iniciales con poetas y revolucionarios, a persecuciones urbanas, reuniones con Fidel Castro, relaciones amorosas truncadas por la muerte o el exilio en México y Costa Rica, hasta su inesperado matrimonio con un periodista norteamericano, la historia de Gioconda Belli es tanto la de una mujer que se descubre a sí misma, como la de una nación que forja su destino.

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Customer Reviews

I've read the book (in its extremely sensitive and emphatic German translation immediately after my wife finished reading it and told me that it was a must for me to read!) The "must" was worthwhile because of the incredible breadth of Belli's writing expressiveness and intensity of the emotions expressed. In this respect I felt with her and for her in all her moods, life situations, her frustrations and her moments of joy. Reading it in that way, it is truthful, self-critical, just fascinating. But....and the BUT is my critical BUT.....where Belli, whose dairy-like autobiography this is (because otherwise she would never have been able to reconstruct the three decades of her life she talks about in "The Country Under My Skin" where she recalls all those names and situations with the accuracy as she does), the political aspect being portrayed in the book is strikingly unfair and is in severe

contradiction to what is known to have actually happened between the terrible '72 earthquake and the end of the millennium as regards the Sandinistas and their revolution and the latter-day developments. The political stance Ms. Belli takes throughout her narrative is heavily lop-sided, if not naïf. Ms. Belli, who has in many ways "run into her hated enemy's arms" by living in the US, and does not really appear to have had any qualms about it, nor about passing on pure hear-say about political intrigues and movements, acerbically puts down dates and names and improper behaviour of the so-called enemies of the revolution, but she does not find any need to set right the warped political picture her Sandinista ideologists have slyly - and successfully - embedded in her mind. Ms.

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