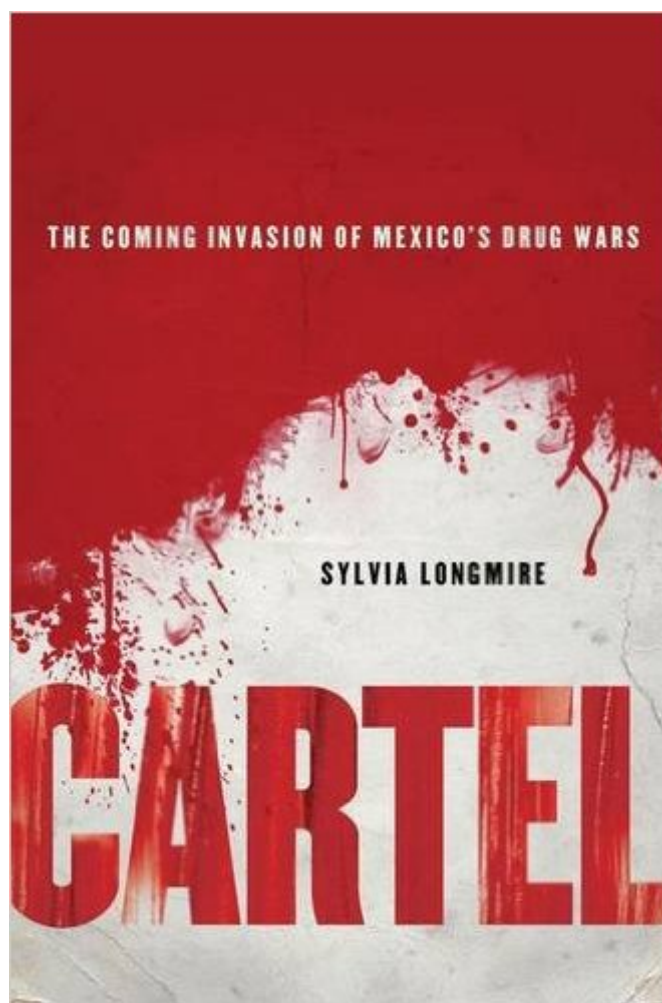


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Cartel: The Coming Invasion Of Mexico's Drug Wars



Synopsis

The drug war has claimed thousands of lives in Mexico and now the violence has crossed the border into the United States. Nearly 40,000 people have already lost their lives south of the border, and now the cartels have moved their operations north and into our cities. Having followed Mexico's cartels for years, security expert Sylvia Longmire takes us deep into the heart of their world to witness a dangerous underground where people will do whatever it takes to deliver drugs to willing American consumers, including using armies of submarines that transport narcotics along the Central American coast, a network of secret tunnels used to smuggle tons of illegal drugs north, a no-fail system of transporting high-powered assault weapons south, marijuana farms inside our national parks, and meth houses in the Midwest. Drawing on her vast expertise in national security, Longmire offers real solutions to the critical problems facing Mexico and the United States, including programs to deter youths in Mexico from joining the cartels and changes that should be made to drug laws on both sides of the border. This is an important look at how Mexico's drug wars are compromising our national security, and a pressing call to rethink our relationship with our southern neighbor.

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After all the hype this book received it turned out to be a major disappointment, an insult to anyone at all familiar with Mexican politics. As I read I scribbled notes and scratched my head in disbelief. Longmire makes statements that are more than debatable, they are dead wrong ("Mexico has been

a democracy with relatively transparent elections for quite some time.") and absolute nonsense like "Tourism is rebounding..." despite cruise ships refusing to make vacant Acapulco a port of call, and the border towns all but closed down and boarded up. It's almost hilarious, but when she writes with admiration about the Mexican government it seems the only adjective she uses is "bold." She never questions the nation's leaders when it comes to honesty, making the president appear to be a mixture of Lincoln, Juarez, and Gandhi. But when it comes to the biggest cause of the violent warfare (supply and demand fueled by the U.S. prohibition of marijuana) she blithely dismisses it as the United States "greedy love of drugs." One can't help but wonder if she is aware that alcohol is a drug, and that Mexico was a source of the banned substance during the bloody turf wars caused by the Volstead Act. Wasn't Capone the head of a nasty cartel? Yes, Longmire got to interview President Calderon and she was apparently overwhelmed (whereas more intelligent people such as Javier Sicilia are underwhelmed) because she gushes "... he gets a steely look in his eyes and speaks with quiet fire. It quickly becomes obvious that this is a man who is committed..."

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