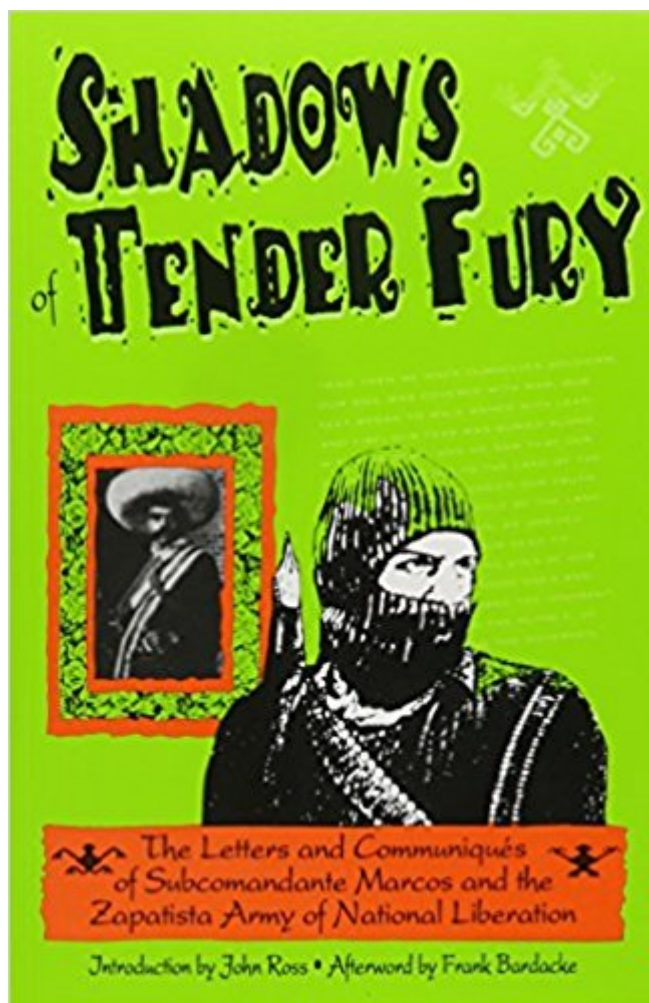




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Customer Reviews

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This book details the statements of the Zapatistas during those early years of the revolution, and the words of Subcommandante Marcos (Especially the first few chapters) draw a vivid picture of why the insurgency was necessary. The struggle for indigenous rights and dignity is a very important element in assessing the humanity of our civilization in the wake of rampant materialistic globalization which has cut a wide swath of damage on the world's horizons. This book in combination with the images of the local indigenous people rising up to shake their fists at the Mexican military, and succeed is empowering and gives rise to hope that people can challenge and overcome forces more powerful especially when they are corrupt. Nonetheless some of the abuses by the Mexican military and political leadership of the time have yet to be addressed or brought to justice for their crimes, in much the same way that U.S. war criminals continue to justice for their violations of human rights and the commission of war crimes in Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia. Zedillo has claimed that as president of Mexico he is immune to prosecution for the Military massacre at Acteal. In America Bush and Cheney have openly admitted to ordering water boarding (A crime for which U.S. forces executed practitioners after WWII.) but have yet to be investigated or

held accountable for their crimes. Perhaps because the U.S. Congress was also complicit in these acts? The accomplishments of the Zapatista revolution seem to have waned a bit, in part because the attention they drew to the problems caused a response from the Mexican government, to address some of the infrastructure issues, and the Zapatistas have focused on less confrontational actions and concentrated on creating a local movement designed to support autonomy. Nonetheless this book is still inspiring although some of the latter chapters which recapitulate the message of indigenous dignity and rights, seem to be a bit repetitive. This is the second copy of this book I have owned. I like to pick it up now and again and read parts of it. Very inspirational.

Satirical yet optimistic and inspiring and very informative of modern Zapatista philosophy. One of many great books by Marcos (although the listed author is Bardacke, most of the book is Marcos' words), I like this one because it makes Zapatista anarcho philosophy very accessible, and satirical humor helps engage the reader even more... not like a dry sociological text at all. **EVERYONE SHOULD READ THIS.**

If the whole book were a series of meaningful and inciteful quotes such as the cover, I would be covered in them like tattoos. But this is largely a treatise on arguments obscured.

Shadows of Tender Fury is one of the best compilations of Zapatista philosophy I have ever read. Subcomandante Marcos writes in a wonderfully satirical tone which reveals the problems suffered by the people of Chiapas and around the world. Reading the inspirational and optimistic words of Marcos gives one a better understanding of the struggles of the Zapatistas. This is excellent reading for the student who seeks truth.

Reading the letters and communiques of Marcos contained in Shadows of Tender Fury made me feel incredibly sympathetic for the indigenous people of Chiapas. I felt outraged at the injustice done to them by the Mexican government and the rich ranchers in the area. I found Marcos' tone to be comical despite the dreadful situations he was writing about. For instance, he writes the elaborate PS's and rambles about things with little relevance and tells stories about animals, etc. This gives some lightness to the very heavy subject matter addressed in the book and adds some comic relief. I also thought it was kind of him to respond to everyone who wrote to him, even if they were small children. By the end of the book I liked Marcos' personality from what I glimpsed of it in his tone, and I was impressed at the noble cause he had taken on. The one problem I had with this book is not a

fault of the writer's but of the editor's. Marcos' letters are repetitive and long, and I feel that much could have been cut out and *Shadows of Tender Fury* would still be a good book that encompassed most of Marcos' letters and ideas. However, with so much repetition the book starts to get tedious. Some heavy editing would have made a big difference. In general I think that *Shadows of Tender Fury* is an important contribution to Latin American literature because it details the fight of the Zapatistas and chronicles their events. It also draws support from a much larger community, for I read it in the northeastern US although it is occurring in southeastern Mexico. I did not know very much about the indigenous fight before reading this book so I am glad I did and recommend it to others. (If you enjoyed my book review please see my others here at .com under my username neeterskeeter. Or, visit my homepage neeterskeeter.com, or bellaonline.com, where I write the Feminism column, for more of my book reviews and writing. I welcome any comments via email. Thanks!)

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