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This is a stellar, courageous work of investigative journalism and historical scholarship—grippingly told, meticulously documented, and doggedly pursued over thirty years. Tracking a Cold War confrontation that has compromised the national interests of both Mexico and the United States, *Eclipse of the Assassins* exposes deadly connections among historical events usually remembered as isolated episodes.

Authors Russell and Sylvia Bartley shed new light on the U.S.-instigated "dirty wars" that ravaged all of Latin America in the 1960s, '70s, and '80s and reveal—for the first time—how Mexican officials colluded with Washington in its proxy *contra* war against the Sandinista government of Nicaragua. They draw together the strands of a clandestine web linking:

- the assassination of prominent Mexican journalist Manuel Buendía
- the torture and murder of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena
- the Iran-Contra scandal
- a major DEA sting against key CIA-linked Bolivian, Panamanian, and Mexican drug traffickers
- CIA-orchestrated suppression of investigative journalists
- criminal collusion of successive U.S. and Mexican administrations that has resulted in the unprecedented power of drug kingpins like "El Chapo" Guzmán.

*Eclipse of the Assassins* places a major political crime—the murder of Buendía—in its full historical perspective and shows how the dirty wars of the past are still claiming victims today.

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