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The Dominican Intervention



Synopsis

Drawing on nearly 150 personal interviews with individuals in the Dominican Republic and the United States, on rare access to classified U.S. government documents, and on his own first-hand experiences during the crisis, Abraham F. Lowenthal rejects official, liberal, and radical accounts of the intervention. Instead, he explains it as the product of fundamental premises, of decision-making procedures, and of bureaucratic politics. In a new preface, Lowenthal discusses the Dominican intervention in its Cold War context and in comparative and theoretical perspective. As the issue of U.S. military action is raised anew—from Iraq to Bosnia—the lessons of the Dominican crisis will continue to command attention.

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Abraham F. Lowenthal directs the Center for International Studies at the University of Southern California. His books include *Partners in Conflict: The United States and Latin America in the 1990s*,

revised edition.

If you are specifically researching the Dominican Intervention this is a terrific resource. It uses an extensive bibliography, including numerous personal interviews with all the key players. Lowenthal is a trusted source on Latin American politics. I wouldn't recommend this book for a history buff or someone looking for a good read. A broader book on relations between the U.S. and the DR would be more entertaining. However, if you are seeking specific info on the intervention, it is the perfect place to start. It offers lots of citable facts and it easy to follow and understand. My only complaint was that it lacked description of the events directly preceding and following the intervention, which made it feel a little incomplete.

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