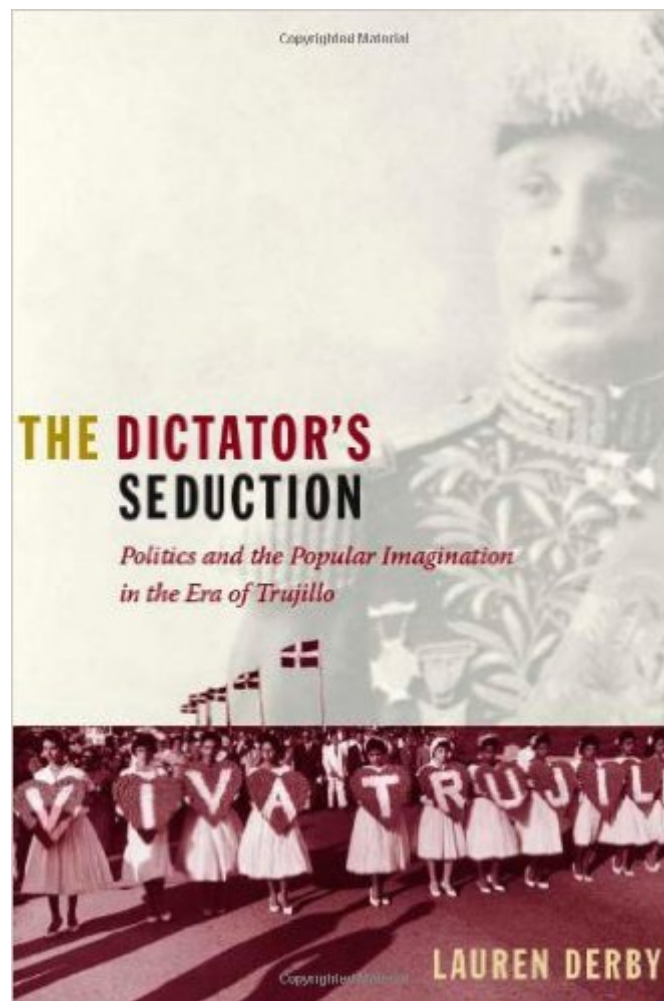


The book was found

The Dictator's Seduction: Politics And The Popular Imagination In The Era Of Trujillo (American Encounters/Global Interactions)



Synopsis

The dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo, who ruled the Dominican Republic from 1930 until his assassination in 1961, was one of the longest and bloodiest in Latin American history. The Dictator's Seduction is a cultural history of the Trujillo regime as it was experienced in the capital city of Santo Domingo. Focusing on everyday forms of state domination, Lauren Derby describes how the regime infiltrated civil society by fashioning a "vernacular politics" based on popular idioms of masculinity and fantasies of race and class mobility. Derby argues that the most pernicious aspect of the dictatorship was how it appropriated quotidian practices such as gossip and gift exchange, leaving almost no place for Dominicans to hide or resist. Drawing on previously untapped documents in the Trujillo National Archives and interviews with Dominicans who recall life under the dictator, Derby emphasizes the role that public ritual played in Trujillo's exercise of power. His regime included the people in affairs of state on a massive scale as never before. Derby pays particular attention to how events and projects were received by the public as she analyzes parades and rallies, the rebuilding of Santo Domingo following a major hurricane, and the staging of a year-long celebration marking the twenty-fifth year of Trujillo's regime. She looks at representations of Trujillo, exploring how claims that he embodied the popular barrio antihero the tigre (tiger) stoked a fantasy of upward mobility and how a rumor that he had a personal guardian angel suggested he was uniquely protected from his enemies. The Dictator's Seduction sheds new light on the cultural contrivances of autocratic power.

Book Information

Series: American Encounters/Global Interactions

Paperback: 432 pages

Publisher: Duke University Press Books; 1st Edition edition (July 17, 2009)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0822344823

ISBN-13: 978-0822344827

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 1.1 x 9.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.4 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars See all reviews (6 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #978,310 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #26 in Books > History >

Americas > Caribbean & West Indies > Dominican Republic #376 in Books > Politics & Social

Sciences > Politics & Government > Ideologies & Doctrines > Fascism #843 in Books >

Customer Reviews

Absolutely superb, although a little too academic at times. Derby explores a broad range of topics from Trujillo's manipulation of public goods to the massacre of the Haitians (one of the most vicious mass murders in Latin American history) to the freewheeling sexuality of the regime. It is easy to see why this book won the highest honor from the Conference on Latin American History. She ends by exploring links between the Dominican poor, their religious beliefs (akin to voodoo) and their respect and fear of a man who sometimes dressed like Napoleon and committed barbarities without hesitation. Michael Monteon

This book can be a bit complicated to read, and is certainly very dense. However, it met my expectations and served my research paper well.

I love it, it is riveting. Lots of new words. for me. Send me on a trip of adventure. I recommend it.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Dictator's Seduction: Politics and the Popular Imagination in the Era of Trujillo (American Encounters/Global Interactions) The Dictator Next Door: The Good Neighbor Policy and the Trujillo Regime in the Dominican Republic, 1930-1945 (American Encounters/Global Interactions) Tropical Zion: General Trujillo, FDR, and the Jews of SosÅa (American Encounters/Global Interactions) Linked Labor Histories: New England, Colombia, and the Making of a Global Working Class (American Encounters/Global Interactions) Trujillo: The Death of the Dictator Confronting the American Dream: Nicaragua under U.S. Imperial Rule (American Encounters/Global Interactions) Aloha Betrayed: Native Hawaiian Resistance to American Colonialism (American Encounters/Global Interactions) Buying into the Regime: Grapes and Consumption in Cold War Chile and the United States (American Encounters/Global Interactions) Blazing Cane: Sugar Communities, Class, and State Formation in Cuba, 1868â 1959 (American Encounters/Global Interactions) From the Revolution to the Maquiladoras: Gender, Labor, and Globalization in Nicaragua (American Encounters/Global Interactions) Paper Cadavers: The Archives of Dictatorship in Guatemala (American Encounters/Global Interactions) Emperors in the Jungle: The Hidden History of the U.S. in Panama (American Encounters/Global Interactions) Top 100 Drug Interactions 2016: A Guide to Patient Management (Hansten, Top 100 Drug Interactions) Finland History: Origins of the Finns, The Era of Swedish Rule, 1150-1809, Independence and the Interwar Era, 1917-39, Society,

Economy, Government and Politics Ecuador History: Pre-Hispanic Era, Discovery and Conquest, Spanish Colonial Era, Society, Economy, Government, Politics Do Glaciers Listen?: Local Knowledge, Colonial Encounters, and Social Imagination (Canadian Studies Series) True Bigfoot Stories: Horrifying Encounters Of Bigfoot Horror: What Would You Do? What's The Truth? (True Bigfoot Stories, Cryptozoology, True Bigfoot ... True Bigfoot Encounters, Predator Book 1) The Gambia: The Untold Dictator Yahya Jammeh's Story The Dictator's Shadow: Life Under Augusto Pinochet The Law of the Sea and the Polar Regions: Interactions between Global and Regional Regimes (Publications on Ocean Development)

[Dmca](#)