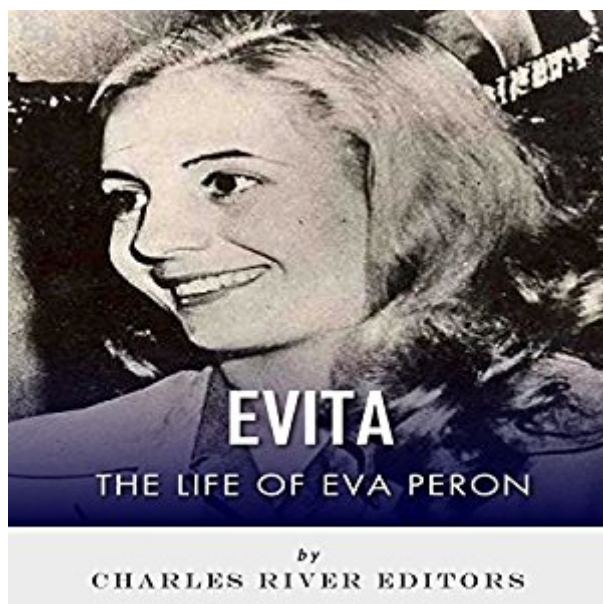


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Evita: The Life Of Eva Peron



Synopsis

MarÃ­a Eva Duarte de PerÃ³n, known to the world as Evita, stands with Jesus Christ as a highly influential historical figure who lived only 33 years. The similarities do not end there: as Argentine novelist Tomás Eloy Martín has observed, Evita came to "symbolize certain naïve, but effective, beliefs: the hope for a better world; a life sacrificed on the altar of the disinherited, the humiliated, the poor of the earth...myths which somehow reproduce the image of Christ." During her life she was elevated to the status of "spiritual leader" of her country, Argentina, and after death she was regarded there as a martyr and a saint by her many followers. Eva PerÃ³n prided herself on having antagonized and earned the hatred of precisely these social classes. Over 50 years after her death, PerÃ³nism, the political philosophy devised by her and her husband Juan Domingo PerÃ³n, remains a potent force in Argentine politics (the current president identifies herself closely with the PerÃ³ns and their legacy), but it also continues to inspire deep enmity. While a large portion of the country sees Evita as a symbol of national pride, there is also a significant sector that sees her as an impostor and a demagogue whose brilliant but irresponsible manipulation of mass politics helped sink the country into chaos.

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Customer Reviews

"Evita: The Life of Eva Peron" is another book about the life and times of Eva Duarte Peron - Evita. The book is interesting because it not only covers her biography but also her impact in popular culture, literature, theatre, movies. However the book is much too brief to be really useful and the pictures included appears to have been lifted off Evita's Wikipedia article and the internet with not

much thought going into the finished product. Maybe this one works better as a Kindle book because as a soft-cover book, it looks like a brochure. Her biography is to the point but much too brief and the same can be said about the sections dealing with her influence in other mediums. The author gives us some good information and some of the feedback and opinions provided are pretty thought out and enlightening, but again, too brief. Also there are numerous other examples that could have been included as Eva Peron was a woman whose life, career and legend have presented themselves in several movies, books, plays. For instance, in film, the author only discusses Alan Parker's cinematic version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical "Evita" and Juan Carlos DeSanzo's "Eva Peron" both released in 1996. How about the other films that have been based or loosely based on her life? For instance, the mini-series "Evita Peron" starring Faye Dunaway or Radley Metzger's "Little Mother". The latter is interesting because it was released several years before the musical and despite the film being based on "the Black Myth" and the names of the characters were changed and it is mostly fantasy, it was clearly inspired by Evita. It would have been interesting to read the author's views of this piece of work.

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