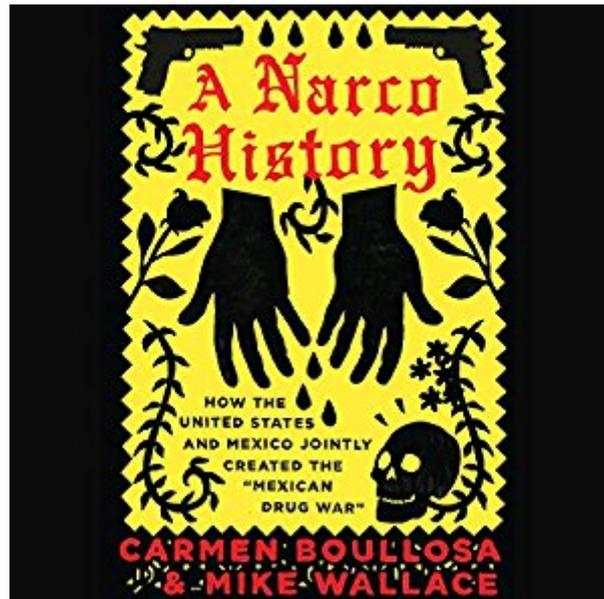


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Synopsis

The term Mexican Drug War misleads. It implies that the ongoing bloodbath, which has now killed well over 100,000 people, is an internal Mexican affair. But this diverts attention from the US role in creating and sustaining the carnage. It's not just that Americans buy drugs from and sell weapons to Mexico's murderous cartels. It's that ever since the US prohibited the use and sale of drugs in the early 1900s, it has pressured Mexico into acting as its border enforcer - with increasingly deadly consequences. Mexico was not a helpless victim. Powerful forces within the country profited hugely from supplying Americans with what their government forbade them. But the policies that spawned the drug war have proved disastrous for both countries. Written by two award-winning authors, one American and the other Mexican, *A Narco History* reviews the interlocking 20th-century histories that produced this 21st-century calamity and proposes how to end it.

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Author Boullosa opens with the story of one hundred college students training to become teachers who went on an expedition 9/20/2014. The intent was to eventually travel to Mexico City with other students to commemorate a massacre of students during a 1968 demonstration. What they didn't know was that police were on a hyper-alert in one of the towns because of a massive public demonstration nearby, run by the mayor and his wife. The mayor was closely linked to a violent drug trafficking gang, with additional income from kidnapping and extortion. His 'work' was aided by eleven relatives on the city payroll - including one as chief of police. The mayor's wife had brought in

4,000 poor people paid to attend and applaud, and was not pleased to learn of the arriving students. Either she or the mayor gave the order to 'Stop them, contain them, and teach them a lesson.' Police gave chase, fired numerous shots in the air and into the buses. Forty-three students disappeared. Several mass graves were located and searched, but only one body could be identified as being a missing student. When the U.S. began pressuring Mexico to stop the flood of drugs moving into the U.S., something it had been unable to accomplish itself, it led eventually in 2006 to the 'Mexican Drug War.' Since 2000, more than 100,000 have been killed, tens of thousands have disappeared, and about 2,000 were decapitated. The U.S. declared its war on drugs in 1914 with passage of the Harrison Act prohibiting non-medicinal use of opiates and cocaine. Heroin was added in 1924. U.S. climate as not suitable for poppy production, Mexico's higher elevations were.

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