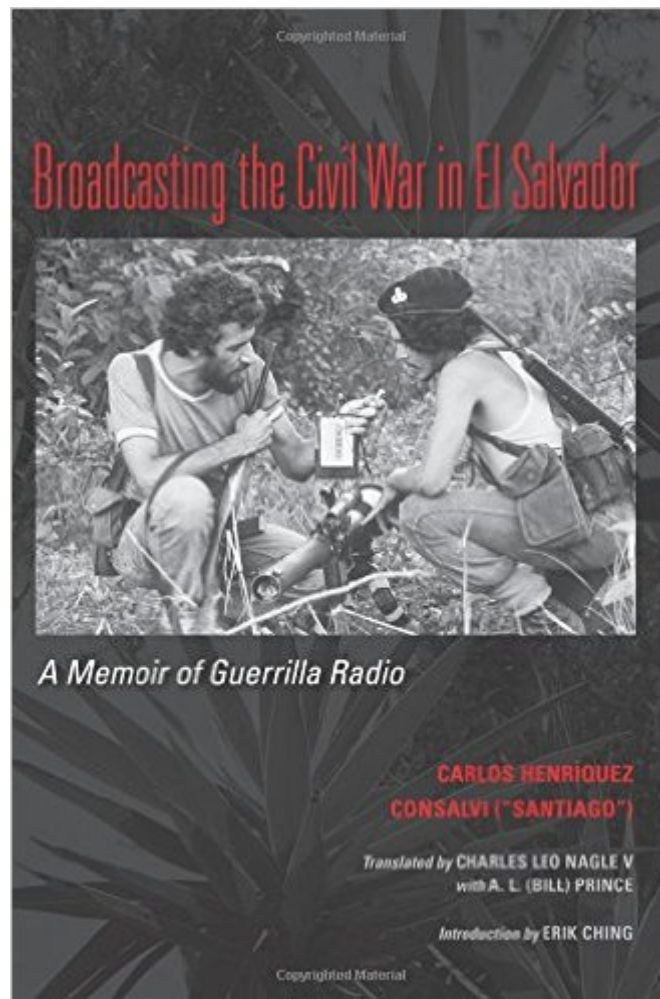


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During the 1980s war in El Salvador, Radio Venceremos was the main news outlet for the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN), the guerrilla organization that challenged the government. The broadcast provided a vital link between combatants in the mountains and the outside world, as well as an alternative to mainstream media reporting. In this first-person account, "Santiago," the legend behind Radio Venceremos, tells the story of the early years of that conflict, a rebellion of poor peasants against the Salvadoran government and its benefactor, the United States. Originally published as *La Terquedad del Izote*, this memoir also addresses the broader story of a nationwide rebellion and its international context, particularly the intensifying Cold War and heavy U.S. involvement in it under President Reagan. By the war's end in 1992, more than 75,000 were dead and 350,000 wounded in a country the size of Massachusetts. Although outnumbered and outfinanced, the rebels fought the Salvadoran Army to a draw and brought enough bargaining power to the negotiating table to achieve some of their key objectives, including democratic reforms and an overhaul of the security forces. *Broadcasting the Civil War in El Salvador* is a riveting account from the rebels' point of view that lends immediacy to the Salvadoran conflict. It should appeal to all who are interested in historic memory and human rights, U.S. policy toward Central America, and the role the media can play in wartime.

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Media has its role in any conflict, as the public's opinion means more than one thinks. "Broadcasting

the Civil War in El Salvador: A Memoir of Guerrilla Radio" is a history of the El Salvador civil war in the 1980s, with a focus on the radio work of Santiago, who broadcasted Radio Venceremos who rallied against the Salvadoran government and the United States which backed it. The war was not one with a clear victor, but it did lead to progress, and provides an intriguing look at how the United States becomes the enemy. "Broadcasting the Civil War in El Salvador" is a fascinating read and very highly recommended.

This is an interesting, first-person account from one of the voices of Radio Venceremos. Having traveled to El Salvador multiple times on volunteer trips, this gave me added insight into what spurred so many everyday people to rise up against their government and the role the U.S. government played in propping up those already in power.

If you are looking for a good book about El Salvador's civil war this is one of the best. It's a first person account of the Radio Station in Morazan. You can visit the radio station in the national revolutionary museum in Morazan. I could go on, but if you are interested in El Salvador's civil war this is a great book.

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