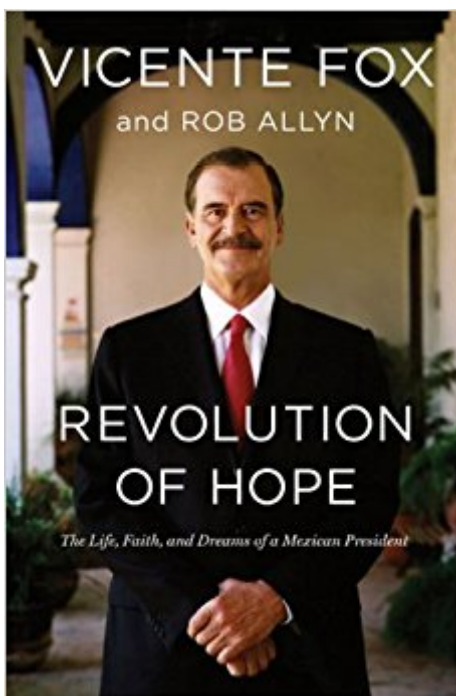


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Revolution Of Hope: The Life, Faith, And Dreams Of A Mexican President



Synopsis

The charismatic former President of Mexico offers a clear and candid perspective on the state of world affairs. When Vicente Fox swept into office in 2000, he broke the dictatorial one-party rule that had strangled Mexico for over seventy years. A native son of Mexico, grandson of immigrants from the United States and Spain, Fox worked his way from ranch hand and truck driver to the youngest CEO in the history of Coca-Cola. His political rise from precinct worker to world leader was equally swift. As president, Vicente Fox steered Mexico's fragile young democracy through turbulent times, ushering in six years of economic stability and reform in health care, education, and housing, with increased freedom of the press. His presidency also reduced poverty and tackled corruption. Vicente Fox embodies the American Dream in its broadest sense as a vision of the New World, as well as the story of Mexico. Elected as a political outsider with a message of honesty, change, and hope, he is truly a world hero of democracy. This vivid book interweaves his inspiring personal story with his bold ideas for the future of the planet. For the first time, President Fox reveals the ups and downs of his close but rocky relationships with world leaders from President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair to Fidel Castro, Vladimir Putin and Hugo Chávez. In "Revolution of Hope," President Fox outlines a new vision of hope for the future of the Americas. He speaks out forcefully on hot global topics like immigration, the war in Iraq, racism, globalization, the role of the United Nations, free trade, religion, gender equity, indigenous rights and the moral imperative to heal the global divide between rich and poor nations. From the man who brought true democracy to Mexico, "Revolution of Hope" is a personal story of triumph and a political vision for the future.

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Fox, who broke 71 years of one-party rule in Mexico when he became president in 2000, recounts his unconventional approach to Mexican politics as well as how he got there in the first place. With co-writer and political consultant Allyn, he explains his beginnings on his family's ranch, where he slowly began to realize the great difference between himself and the farmhands' children with whom he played. Though he was eventually sent to high school in Wisconsin and completed a university degree in Mexico City, Fox never shed his *ranchero* ways, rendered rather nostalgically in the book. After a stint as a young top executive with Coca-Cola, Fox began his political career, wearing cowboy boots the whole way. In addition to the story of his ascent in politics, Fox offers his opinions on immigration and economic integration, the latter of which he is great proponent. Written with an American audience in mind, he repeatedly presents the argument that more trade between the United States and Mexico, with more jobs in Mexico—*not a wall*—is the solution to immigration problems. Fox is candid in the book and opens up about the controversial moments of his political career. However, the book reveals less about Fox than about his hopeful vision for the world. (Oct.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Memoir of the former Mexican president, whose remarkable rise to power was followed by a six-year tenure in office that was marked by an extraordinary upswing in the country's fortunes. Published less than a year after his presidency came to a close, this wide-ranging overview of Fox's life unfolds at a furious pace, as he catalogs his many personal and professional achievements. Fox and co-author Allyn keep the political rhetoric to a minimum, only occasionally lapsing into corny sweeping statements about the state of the world. Instead, they focus on Fox's transformation from a truck driver for Coca-Cola to the first Mexican president to be elected from an opposition party since 1920. The book initially focuses on Fox's early life, offering insight into his upbringing, details about his family life and vivid descriptions of the poverty that beset the country in the future president's formative years. Though his family was by no means wealthy, his father's career as a *ranche*

A seemingly candid account of one of Mexico's most honest politicians. Well written and an interesting subject matter.

EXCELLENT! BOOK

a gift-I read this book and enjoyed it

I will strongly recommend this book for people that are interested in The Americas' integration of cultures.

On this book the ex-president wrote a life review like one of the most controversial presidents on Mexican history

I loved this book! It is a well-written and interesting story of Vicente Fox's family history and the influences that made him dream of bringing the first Democracy to Mexico. This week I was in Mexico and stayed on the original family land, visited the Fox Center and Presidential Library. I was able to meet President Fox and his lovely wife and participate in the start of a new program for feeding malnourished children. I'm happy I knew so much about him and his history because of this book.

I gather from all the 1 star reviews that a number of people dislike him on principle. While the book is nothing earth shattering, I found it an easy and interesting read. Having been the first non-PRI President in Mexico's history is cause for celebration even if that was his only accomplishment. How good a job he did for the Mexicans I can't judge, but the nature of a person in this situation means he has a lot of juggling of issues and differing perspectives to consider. Throw in the poverty and nearby presence of Chavez and Castro, just surviving is an accomplishment. The book is mostly a personal memoir. He talks about his grandfather who came from Cincinnati, about life as a boy in central Mexico, his early work life, life with Coca-Cola, fighting to get noticed and the numerous issues in a country that had only one political party until he became President. He talks about his relationship and admiration of both Bill Clinton and George Bush. And perhaps most revealing how he strove to become a "man for others" which is apparently a Mexican expression for a person who gets satisfaction from helping others. Obviously this is one person's opinion of themselves, so some grains of salt are in order. While there is no valid way of confirming or disputing his opinion, the book gives a rare insight into the thinking of a person in a position that few Americans pay much attention to. Worth the read just for that.

An excellent book with a different view of Mexico's history than I have seen before. His political views are very much from the Pan and anti PRI but probably accurate. He has some very good ideas about what the US/Mexico relationship should be and how immigration should work. I think it is a book all US politicians should read.

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