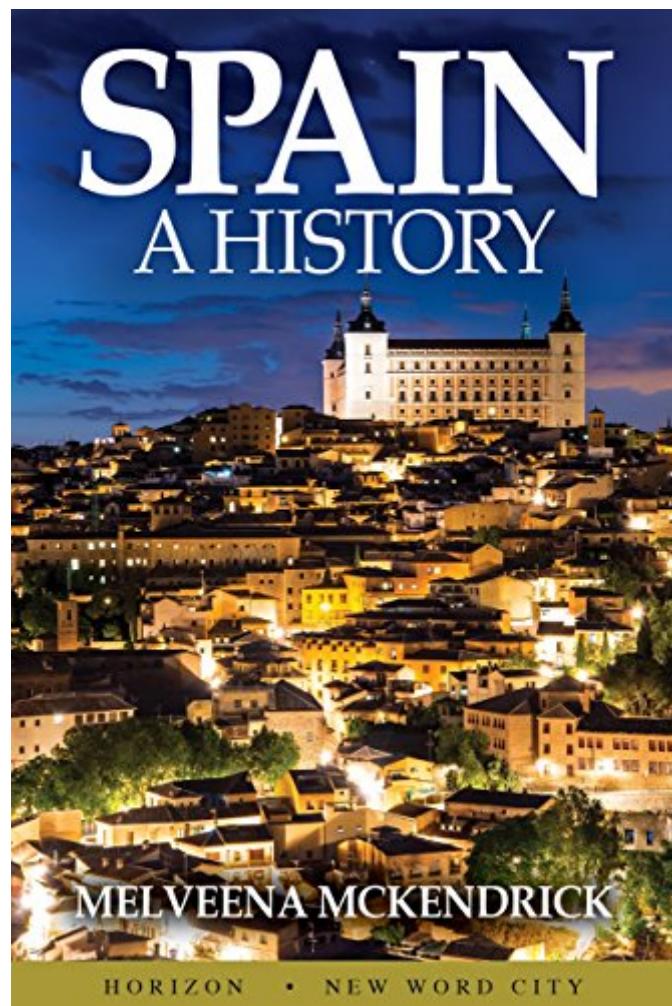


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Synopsis

Out of the division and strife of the Middle Ages, Spain emerged from behind the Pyrenees to straddle the stage of European politics like some new colossus. Discoverer of a New World, it became the greatest power on earth and created a Golden Age of culture breathtaking in its quality and achievement. Within 150 years, Spain was in a state of decay and fast being left behind by more progressive European nations. Here, from award-winning historian Melveena McKendrick, is the dramatic story of the rise and fall of the Spanish Empire.

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Customer Reviews

Interesting history of early Spain. It finishes after seven years of Franco and there was no real evaluation of the Franco years. It was certainly written with a try not to offend the Facists. I hold little sympathy with the end of the book. Ifs there would have been an unbiased look at the Spanish Revolution, this would be better.

As I've read the history of several European countries I find the conditions of the people get better as they unite upon a common goal. With Spain it seems like things only got worse. This is very tragic since Spain had so much to offer the world.

I knew nothing about the topic and was looking for a good introduction. This book filled my needs. The biggest negative is that, as the review title suggests, the book is a very high-level overview and was missing some of the detail I would have liked. It felt a bit like a motorcycle tour of New York City that never made any stops. My second negative is probably peculiar to me, but I would have liked to see more on Roman and Visigothic Spain, but I guess the level of detail here is about the same as the other sections.

The book will give one the 1 over 100 concentrated history for Spain. Some details are missing and it would have been great if it had continued through the end of the dictatorship and the absurdity of returning to a monarchy.

This is a good length history. Some details are left out given its length, but it is exactly the level that I was looking for.

Good, but unfortunately does not handle the history after ww2 of spain.

Good stuff

This book provides a history of Spain but does not provide any history of modern day Spain. Basically ends in 1953.

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