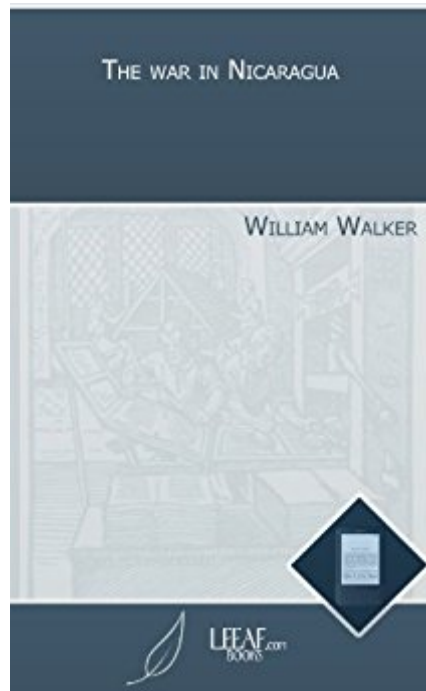




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W. W. PREFACE. No history is so hard to write as that of our own times. Few, if any, can free themselves from the fashions of thought and opinion which control the daily life of their neighbors, and every one inhales to some extent the vapors and miasms floating in the air he hourly breathes. The task is even more difficult if a man attempts to narrate events in which he has taken part. As the soldier, warmed by the heat of battle, dimly sees through the dust and smoke of a well-fought field, the large movements which decide the issue of the conflict, so he who has mingled in the struggles of parties or the contests(...).

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Super interesting account of William Walker (Democrat) attempt to save Nicaragua from itself. Invited into the country by the Liberals of Leon to take on the Legitimists. He actually became

President of Nicaragua for a short while. His long term goal was to take over Nicaragua and build a better Nicaragua complete with slavery and forced labor. When the war was over he wanted to give his officers large tracts of land and create a new "South." Many real life accounts of battles with canons and rifles and bayonet charges. Skirmishes, marches and naval battles from Leon to Granada to Rivas to San Juan del Norte/Sur with enough details to feel the misery of war. He appears at one point to be close to his goal until disease, desertion and the "Allies" get in the game. Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras France, England, Germany and others. Interestingly, he defeats the Nicaraguan army and then refers to his army as the Nicaraguan army. General Walker wholehearted believes he is doing a job that needs to be and should be done. Most Americans will never, ever know about this...

The story of William Walker's expedition to Nicaragua is a fascinating chapter in the history of the Americas that is largely unknown today. This book, which he wrote (and completed shortly before his execution by a firing squad) tells the tale from an on-the-ground perspective.

There was a mix-up in the order and you sent me 2 copies and billed me for two copies. I sent one to my grandson who wants to be the family historian rather than sending it back. My husband's Great grandfather was in on this battle and was killed in one of the encounters.. i found him mentioned on several of the pages. My husband is 90 years old now. V. dusenbury

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