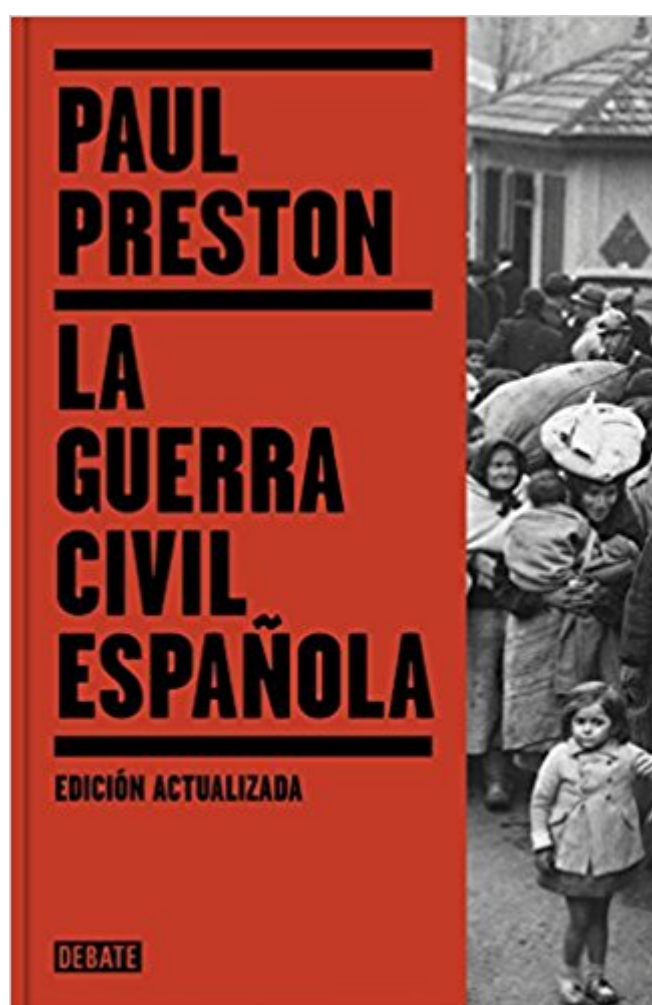


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Synopsis

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Paul Preston deja muy claro, en la introducci3n y en todo el libro, su simpat3a con la Rep3blica -naturalmente el gobierno leg3timo- as3- que no espere lisonjer3as con el bando nacional. Por otro lado, Preston nos presenta una breve historia de c3mo Espa3a lleg3 a la Rep3blica y por qu3 se desemboc3 en una Guerra Civil. Esto permite al lector sin conocimiento previo situarse en el contexto hist3rico y comprender que la 3nica salida a la dif3cil situaci3n de la Espa3a a rep3blica era la guerra. Asimismo se presenta como la actitud hip3crita de Francia e Inglaterra contribuy3 a que la Alemana Nazi y la Italia Fascista utilizaran a Espa3a como campo de pruebas para la Segunda Guerra. De esta manera, la Uni3n Sovi3tica se ve en la obligaci3n de entrar en el conflicto. Este libro narra detalladamente c3mo las tropas nacionales fueron obteniendo el control de todo el territorio republicano y de c3mo masacraron a la oposici3n de izquierda-republicana. No obstante, tambi3n se prueba como los elementos m3is radicales dentro de la rep3blica -enti3ndase anarquista y comunistas- contribuyeron tambi3n en plena guerra a la ejecuci3n indiscriminada de falangista y de miembros de la iglesia. Es, sin lugar a duda, despu3s de la Revoluci3n Francesa el conflicto que m3is a llamado la atenci3n de los intelectuales, por eso no es de sorprender que un George Orwell participara en la guerra como miembro del POUM.

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