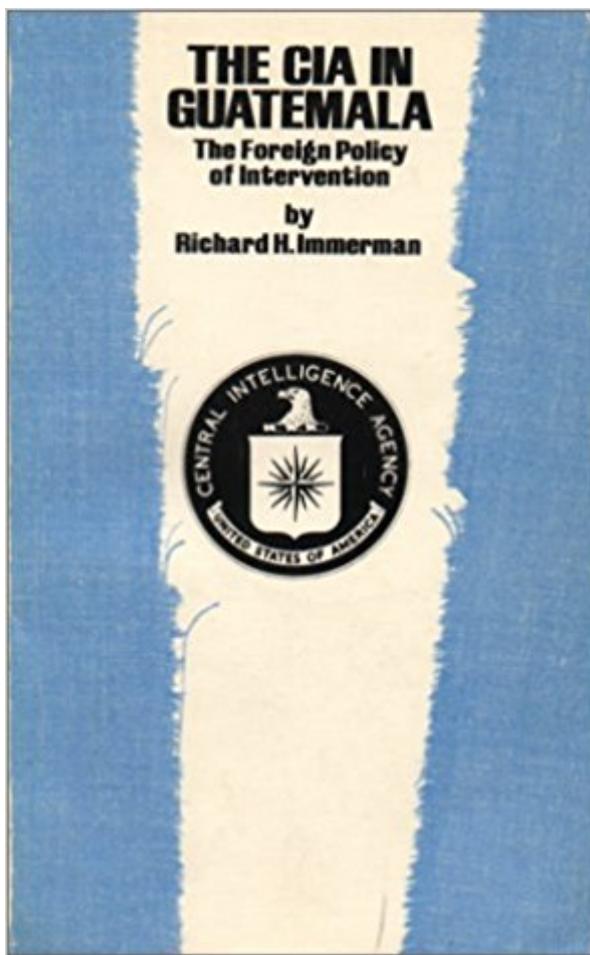


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This is a good, factual balanced account which brings to bear all the relevant facts and leaves out any ideological bias. It's also very well written and makes for an easy read.

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