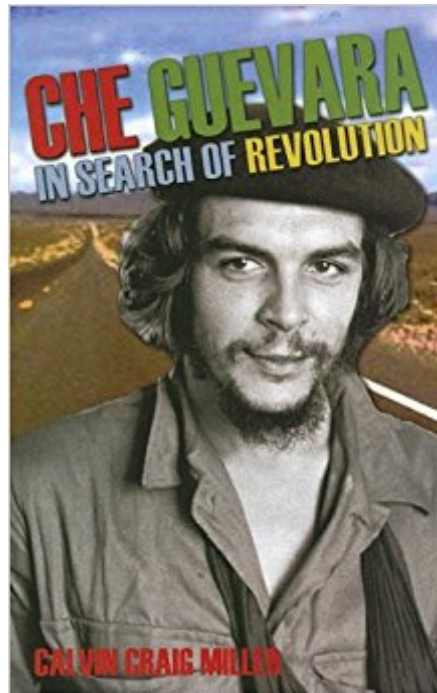




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Grade 7 Up — Guevara's life, from his early years in one of Argentina's wealthiest families to mythic guerrilla revolutionary, is covered in detail. The author recounts how Che's childhood in a prominent but socialist-leaning family influenced many early decisions, including an all-important choice to study medicine. Guevara traveled Latin America as a young man, and encounters with peasants in the countryside sparked a determination that would guide his ideology throughout his life. A burning desire to see the downfall of capitalism through whatever means necessary, including armed revolution, spurred him to seek out causes and people that could help make that happen. The bulk of the book focuses on Guevara's time spent working closely with Fidel Castro to overthrow Batista and his U.S.-backed government. The writing is engaging and thorough; even students with just a passing knowledge of the man will find much here to capture their attention. Copious source notes, a detailed time line, and helpful black-and-white and color photographs

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Get this one if you want a brief read. Get Anderson's if you want the definitive Biography. This is excellent for schools and younger readers. It is the best available. Superb !

Che Guevara was a creepy, self-infatuated poseur and an acclaimed killer of journalists, college professors, long-haired rock-n-rollers, and homosexuals. Hate was his thing. So it is laughable to read about his heroic childhood struggles, his heroic and devoted and heartfelt warmth for his motorcycle trip, his heroic dedication to training up guerilla fighters in jungle conditions, his heroic determination to bring revolution to the mostly contented people of Bolivia, Cuba, and Africa, his heroic bravery in selling out his troops as he retreated and left them vulnerable, his heroic longing to belong to something important and credible. Fail. The hagiography of Revolutionary Che bumps into the reality and *smallness* of the man himself, every chapter. This book tries valiantly to make him into something other than a cowardly tool of the Castro brothers, attempting to imbue Che with Revolutionary! Values!... but he was a classic loser. Unable to lead men, he defaulted to murdering them. And he died begging for mercy and bragging about his own status. Pitiful.

This biography was clearly written and gave a balanced viewpoint (not adoring but not harsh) on Che. The author pulled together enough historical details in describing Che's life that you feel like an observer of a few key incidents in each decade of his short life. It's obviously not a comprehensive review of Che's life, but if you're looking for an introduction to one who was revered by revolutionary

types, this is a helpful introduction. This book will also help you understand the Cuban revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power.

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