

(Download) Haiti: The Tumultuous History - From Pearl of the Caribbean to Broken Nation

Haiti: The Tumultuous History - From Pearl of the Caribbean to Broken Nation

Philippe Girard

**Download PDF | ePub | DOC | audiobook | ebooks*



THE TUMULTUOUS HISTORY—FROM PEARL OF THE CARIBBEAN TO BROKEN NATION

HAITI

PHILIPPE GIRARD



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

#301968 in eBooks 2010-09-14 2011-08-16 File Name: B0041OT9T4 | File size: 67.Mb

Philippe Girard : Haiti: The Tumultuous History - From Pearl of the Caribbean to Broken Nation before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Haiti: The Tumultuous History - From Pearl of the Caribbean to Broken Nation:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Informative and Insightful.....By Kevin M.I have been to Haiti about 15 times doing volunteer electrical work in various parts of the country starting in 1997. I Flew out of Port Au Prince by chance the day before the earthquake and returned a year later and was again in Port au Prince on the one

year anniversary of this great tragedy. I will be there again in about one month. I have had a somewhat shallow and maybe naive understanding of Haitian history and the dynamics that make Haiti what it is today. Girard's book has provided a helpful basic history of Haiti and with that has shed some light for me on some of the racial dynamics that have influenced Haiti from the very beginning of the revolution until now. His book immediately awakens the reader to the fact that the situation in Haiti is complex. I like the fact that he is honest and frank in pointing out where he feels there have been and still are problems and as painful as it may be for some to accept I think he is for the most part on the right track. He addresses the question that everyone asks about Haiti, "Why is Haiti the way it is after 200 plus years!" He shares the frustration that all of us who have been involved with Haiti have experienced as we observe the miserable conditions which seem to change little over time and he offers some thoughtful suggestions on what can be done (or not done) in order for Haiti to one day improve. I had a hard time putting the book down once I got a hold of it and I do recommend it to anyone with an interest in Haiti. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Heavily biased book, almost borderline anti-Haitian, beware! By Shopaholic He is extremely biased and oftentimes contradicts himself. This book would be better if he did not insert so many opinions. For instance, he thinks Voodoo keeps Haitians poor, he says Haitians and no one for that matter has any connection to Tainos but he refers to Taina princess Anacaona as a Haitian Princess! Just be prepared to be annoyed. He does not provide proof to many of his statements. Another example, he claims Toussaint never declared freedom when "invading" Santo Domingo. One, it is not an invasion, Treaty of Basel made the entire island France's territory; 2. Dominican historians actually argue the contrary and say that when Toussaint entered Santo Domingo, no Spanish colonial subject protested and he did abolish slavery but just wasn't able to enforce it. Girard has a chip on his shoulder with Haitians overall to the point where it sounds personal. My students are having a hard time enjoying the text because Girard is too opinionated. I went with this one because I had a hard time finding a historical book in chronological format and the writing was simple, but I do have regrets. He makes statements that would make the average Pan Africanist highly uncomfortable, he attempts to rupture the image/illusion of Toussaint being the saviour of enslaved blacks. I just wish he did not insert so many unnecessary opinions. He makes it clear in the very beginning, Haitians and only Haitians are to blame for all of their misfortune. This guy makes the average Dominican anti-Haitian ultranationalists sound progressive. He's dangerous. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It will change what you think about Haiti... for good or bad By montecarlostar This book is essential for anybody interested in Haitian history. It was exactly what I was looking for: a succinct, scholarly, passionate narrative to cover all the eras of Haitian history, with a strong moral message and a great analysis of Haiti's missed opportunities, which have been many. Unlike many academic history books, which by focusing excessively on facts, dates and events, and tend to provide only a sterile, dull and tiresome narrative, this book has the ability to grab you onto it and not let you go until you finish it. The ending sentences in most chapters are guaranteed to leave you thinking. Girard is merciless in blaming Haitians for their own sorrows, and provides powerful counterarguments to victim-card playing. He provides examples of many other nations who have suffered similar or yet worse injustices, yet they have managed to move on and thrive. Before reading this book I was very interested on visiting Haiti, now I am not so sure. Besides the glowing misfortune of would-be wonders such as Citadelle Laferriere or the Sans-Souci Palace, I doubt there is anything else worth seeing, from the historical point of view. The book ends in a note of hope with some ideas about what could be done to improve Haiti's future. However, Girard leaves no room for misinterpretation, Haiti's future is in the hands of Haitians alone, and any attempt of foreigners to impose their ways, even with good intentions, has little chance of success, because Haiti has chosen freedom over progress and pretty much over anything else.

Why has Haiti been plagued by so many woes? Why have multiple U.S. efforts to create a stable democracy in Haiti failed so spectacularly? Philippe Girard answers these and other questions, examining how colonialism and slavery have left a legacy of racial tension, both within Haiti and internationally; Haitians remain deeply suspicious of white foreigners' motives, many of whom doubt Haitians' ability to govern themselves. He also examines how Haiti's current political instability is merely a continuation of political strife that began during the War of Independence (1791-1804). Finally, Haiti: The Tumultuous History, Girard explores poverty's devastating impact on contemporary Haiti and argues that Haitians--particularly home-grown dictators--bear a big share of the responsibility for their nation's troubles.

Praise for Clinton in Haiti by Philippe Girard: "An engaging and wonderfully readable account of the circumstances leading up to the U.S. invasion of Haiti in 1994, and its restoration of Jean-Bertrand Aristide as Haitian president."--Elizabeth Abbott, Trinity College, University of Toronto "This is an extraordinarily well written account that places Clinton's Haitian foreign policy in historical perspective. Linguistic wit and analytical sophistication prevail as Girard skillfully weaves readers through the complexities and tragedy of Haiti's history and the highly touted, but unsuccessful aftermath of the 1994 "invasion" by U.S. troops to restore Aristide and democracy to this Caribbean republic. Until Clinton administration classified documents become available this will remain the standard account and an object lesson for all future American cut-and-run attempts at peace-keeping and nation-building."--Joan Hoff,

Montana State University, Bozeman"Written by an outstanding young French scholar of recent American history, this examination of U.S. intervention in Haiti under Bill Clinton probes the motivations behind an unnecessary military action and explains the ways in which objective failure is translated into political success. The author's finely-calibrated sense of irony makes his work as entertaining as it is instructive."--Alonzo L. Hamby, Ohio University, and author of *For the Survival of Democracy: Franklin Roosevelt and the World Crisis of the 1930s*