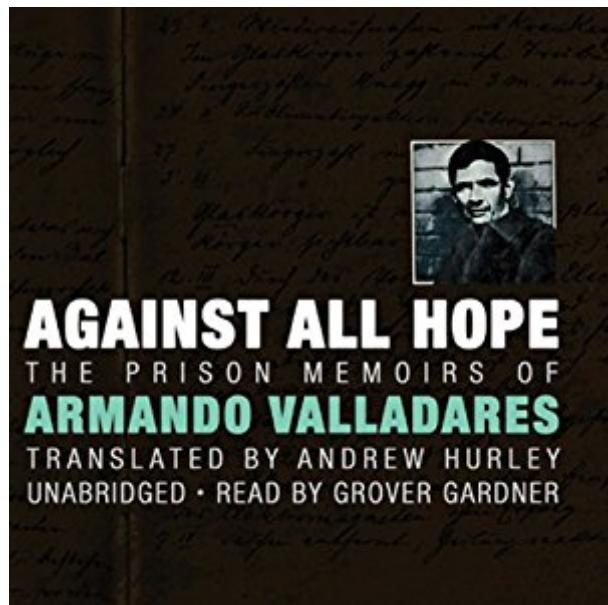


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Synopsis

This is a history of the Cuban Revolution as viewed from its dungeons. Armando Valladares describes his 22 years of torment and triumph in Castro's prison. Arrested at the age of 22 for being philosophically opposed to communism, he gives a dramatic and harrowing account of the regular beatings, the hunger, the humiliation, and the psychological "experimentation" to which the Cuban Revolution subjected its unrepentant enemies. However, Valladares's hope and courage transcended these horrors, showing us the heroic possibilities of one possessing unshaken faith. More than an indictment of a cruel regime, this book is a testimony to the power of biblical faith to allow a man to survive against all hope.

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Are you ever against adversity?? Then, I would read this book! But I do wish to articulate: I lived near the Northern Border of Mexico, in the early mid 1980s; when Liberation Theology was in Central America; when insurgent movements were across Latin America; I had a shortwave radio and among other things, I listened to "Radio Havana Cuba", I am anglo, but I learned the Spanish language in college. I watched the excellent movie "El Norte" addressing the problems of Mayan Indians from Guatemala migrating to the U.S. (and probably a good unbiased movie to watch as well). I read and read and I saw even Socialist demonstrations in Mexico along with murals for all of the assorted parties there besides those with the hammer and sickle. But it made me wonder; what is the truth? So famous, is that "Scarface" movie of the early eighties; about a Cuban Prisoner of all

things; coming over to Florida on the Mariel Boatlift. During that time, I took a class on Cuban history and I may have been a shade positive attitude towards Fidel Castro; but after reading this book; I became very neutral, not knowing what to think, about the "workers paradise" of that Caribbean isle. Fidel; and in fact, others, Che Guevara and the dictator's brother, Raoul; all are mentioned in this book, additionally in no favorable way; If half of what Valladares writes in this book were true, that would be rather sad for the ruling regime of Cuba; but then, I have to read it, and wonder, what motives would Valladares have to write untruths?

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