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Che Guevara is one of the most iconic figures of the 20th century. His image, with its beret and star, has become a symbol of revolution and rebellion around the world. But what was Che Guevara's politics? What did he believe in? And what was his impact on the world?

This book provides an in-depth look at Che Guevara's political life and legacy. It examines his early influences, his role in the Cuban Revolution, and his subsequent attempts to spread revolution throughout Latin America. The book also explores Che Guevara's political thought, including his views on Marxism, Leninism, and guerrilla warfare.

Che Guevara was a complex and controversial figure. He was a brilliant strategist and a charismatic leader. But he was also a ruthless and violent

revolutionary. His legacy is still debated today, but there is no doubt that he was one of the most important political figures of the 20th century.

## **Early Influences**

Che Guevara was born in Rosario, Argentina, in 1928. His father was a civil engineer and his mother was a schoolteacher. Che Guevara grew up in a middle-class family, but he was exposed to poverty and injustice from an early age. He was particularly affected by the Great Depression, which caused widespread unemployment and suffering in Argentina.

At the age of 17, Che Guevara began studying medicine at the University of Buenos Aires. During his time in university, he became increasingly involved in politics. He was particularly influenced by the writings of Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin. Che Guevara also began to develop his own political ideas, which he would later put into practice in Cuba.

## **The Cuban Revolution**

In 1956, Che Guevara joined Fidel Castro's revolutionary movement in Cuba. He quickly became one of Castro's most trusted lieutenants. Che Guevara played a key role in the Cuban Revolution, which culminated in the overthrow of the Batista dictatorship in 1959.

After the revolution, Che Guevara served as Minister of Industry in the new Cuban government. He also played a key role in the development of Cuba's foreign policy. Che Guevara was a strong advocate for socialism and revolution throughout Latin America.

## **Guerrilla Warfare**

Che Guevara was a leading proponent of guerrilla warfare. He believed that guerrilla warfare was the most effective way to overthrow oppressive regimes. Che Guevara developed his own theory of guerrilla warfare, which he outlined in his book, *Guerrilla Warfare*.

Che Guevara's theory of guerrilla warfare was based on the idea of creating a small, mobile force that could attack the enemy from unexpected directions. Guerrilla warfare was a highly effective strategy in Cuba, where the rebels were able to defeat the much larger and better-equipped Cuban army.

## **Marxism and Leninism**

Che Guevara was a committed Marxist and Leninist. He believed that socialism was the only way to achieve a just and equitable society. Che Guevara also believed that revolution was necessary to overthrow capitalist regimes.

Che Guevara's Marxism and Leninism influenced his political thought and actions. He believed that the working class was the most revolutionary class in society. He also believed that the peasantry could be a powerful ally in the struggle for socialism.

## **Legacy**

Che Guevara was killed in Bolivia in 1967. He was 39 years old. His death marked the end of an era in the Cuban Revolution. However, Che Guevara's legacy continues to live on.

Che Guevara is still revered as a revolutionary icon by many people around the world. His image and his ideas continue to inspire people to fight for

social justice and equality.

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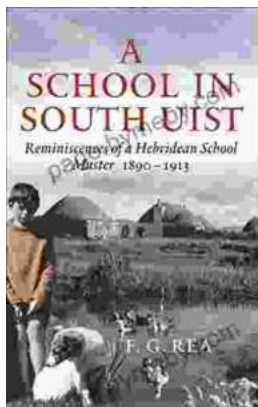


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