

## **Eduardo Galeano**

Eduardo Galeano was born in Uruguay and became one of Latin America's most influential and beloved writers. After a military coup seized power in Uruguay in 1973, Galeano was imprisoned and forced into exile in Argentina. Only a few years later, in 1976, when the Videla dictatorship took power in another bloody coup, his name appeared on a death-squad list, and he fled once again, now to Spain.

Galeano's work blends documentary, fiction, journalism, political analysis, and history into a lyrical, fiercely human voice against oppression and colonialism.

Following the CIA-backed execution of Che Guevara in Bolivia in 1967, Galeano wrote:

The life of Che Guevara, so perfectly confirmed by his death, is, like all great works, an accusation, formed in this case of bullets aimed at a world, our world, which converts the majority of men into beasts of burden for the minority of men, and condemns the majority of countries to slavery and misery for the benefit of the minority of countries; it is also an accusation against the egoists, the cowards, the conformists who do not throw themselves into the adventure of changing it.

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