

bombings, the people of Madrid were outraged. They had been lied to, and the government was to pay the inevitable penalty for having attempted to deceive them. On the day of the election, Madrid voted massively against the government. The rest of the country followed suit. The PP was ousted from office and the Partido Socialista Obrero Español (Spanish Socialist Workers' Party, PSOE) came to power.

This book tells the story of a heroic city, which in 1808 led the uprising against Napoleon's army of occupation and gave the world its first taste of guerrilla warfare. Madrid is a city that in the 1936–39 Civil War held out to the end against General Franco's troops, suffered constant air raids and shelling for three years and was overrun and captured, but never signed a surrender document. This is a city that in 2004 stood in defiance against the onslaught of Islamist terrorism, and which seven years later, in May 2011, again showed its fighting spirit as the cradle of the worldwide 'Indignado' ('Indignant') movement.