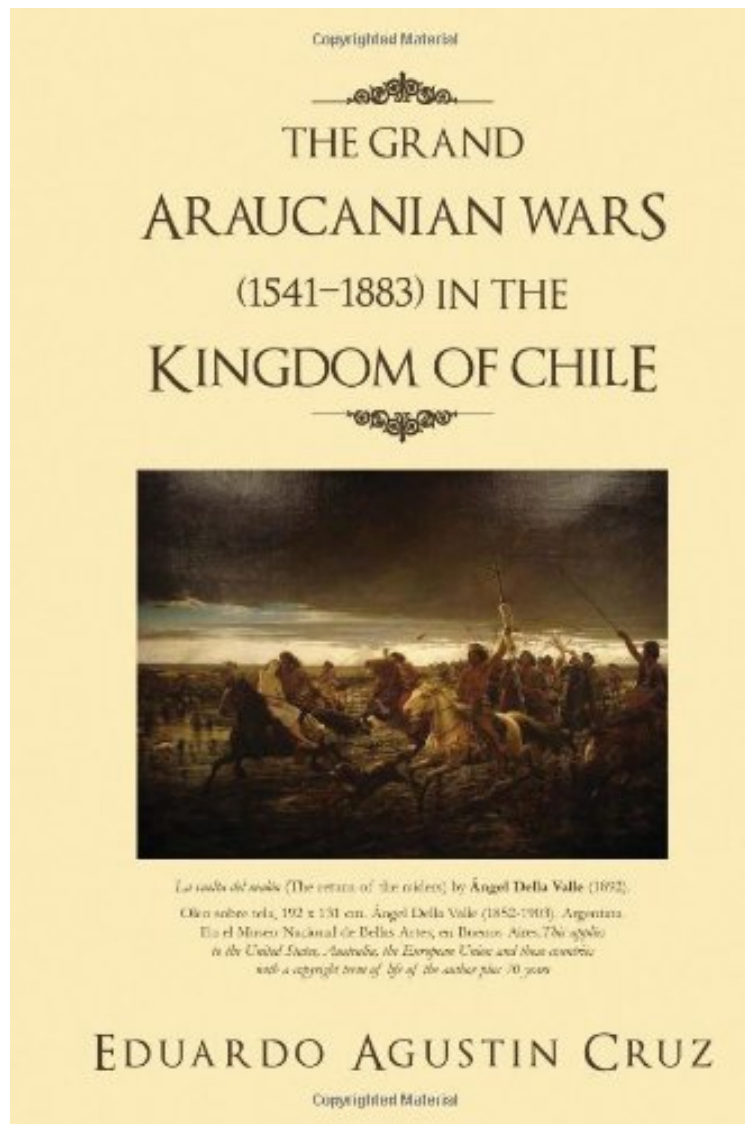


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difficult for me to recommend that anyone interested in the subject not waste their money. But, I cannot, in good conscience, allow anyone else to spend money on something that is unreadable. The book is in desperate need of a complete rewrite, and a good editor with a solid grasp of English. The English is confusing at best, and incomprehensible most of the time. In addition, the book is disorganized and confusing. There are also some glaring factual errors. For example, he states, "Geronimo de [sic] Apache leader died as detainee, and buried at fort Still [sic], seven thousand miles from his beloved Arizona". There is no Fort "Still" in the U.S. Geronimo died at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, which is less than 1,000 miles from where he was born in Arizona. Sr. Cruz's descriptions of the weapons used by the Chilean military is painful to anyone who has a rudimentary knowledge of firearms. Instead of "repeating rifles", he states that the military used "rifle of repetition". These are just a fraction of the glaring errors in the book. So many errors that one cannot trust any of the "facts" found in its pages. Sr. Cruz states that he is looking for the truth. In that case, he has failed in his goal. His story of supporting President Allende, and working in the "resistance" during General Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship has no place in the pages of a book about the indigenous people of Chile. His bias colors his search for the truth, and breaks one of the cardinal rules of an accurate historic chronicle. His bias for Allende and against Pinochet is rabid. Having business in Chile, and having married into a Chilean family, I travel to the country often. I have listened to Allende supporters and Pinochet supporters - the communists who supported Allende, and the people who supported Pinochet. Somewhere in the middle of the two is the truth. If you really want to learn about the history of the Mapuche/Araucanians in Chile, do not buy this book. Sr. Cruz states that he was happy to write his book without the overview of academia. Perhaps if he'd worked under the tutelage of an academic advisor, the book would have been a great reference that would have introduced English speakers to a proud people. As it is, it fails miserably. And, I really wanted it to be a good read. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I would recommend to buy this

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