



## Colombia and the United States: War, Terrorism and Destabilization

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Seven Stories Press, U.S., United States, 2003. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 178 x 127 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Every year the United States spends millions of dollars to help the war-ravaged country of Colombia. But help it with what? In Colombia and the U.S. Mario Murillo explores the misdirected and devastating impact that U.S. military aid continues to have on the war torn-people of Colombia.

Beginning with a brief history of Colombia, Murillo analyzes the complex forces driving Colombia's current decades-old guerrilla war, U.S. involvement, media perceptions, and possible paths to peace. Whether it has been the U.S.-led war against drug trafficking, the newly constituted war against terrorism, or, as we have seen over the last two years, a convenient marriage of the two, the main effect has been to allow the U.S. to further expand its role in Colombia. The foundations of Colombia's social, political, and military conflict are rarely addressed by U.S. policy. Murillo describes Colombia's history of institutionalized corruption, state neglect, far-reaching poverty, and political violence and how they precede by decades the introduction and expansion of the drug trade. Colombia and the U.S. argues that the conflict in Colombia is not...



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