

Praise for *A Faustian Bargain*

"Elite fears of independence and democracy are well known and understandable. But their intensity is often surprising. William Robinson's account of the Reagan-Bush programs to subvert the elections in Nicaragua provides much new insight into this critically important feature of the contemporary world. His careful study lays bare the remarkable array of devices employed, beyond violence and illegal economic warfare, to ensure that U.S. power would control the outcome. As the record reveals, the task of subversion was pursued with dedication approaching fanaticism. The model is one with broad potential application for maintaining the kind of order and stability demanded by the powerful."

—Noam Chomsky

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

"Once in a great while, Americans get a glimpse of American foreign policy as the rest of the world views it. *A Faustian Bargain* provides one of those rare moments. William Robinson reveals the hidden history of subtle and not-so-subtle U.S. intervention in the ostensibly 'free' Nicaraguan elections and in the process holds up a shattering mirror on Washington's fraud, deceit, and hypocrisy. The result is far more than a well-documented, finely written case study of U.S. manipulation and oppression in the Western Hemisphere. In the era of worldwide cable news, international commissions, and election 'observers,' the old methods of control have given way to less obvious techniques that are more presentable but no less savage in result. This book is not only a stunning portrait of the all-too-recent past but also a warning of a possible tragic future in inter-American relations."

—Roger Morris

Former National Security Council staff member,
Johnson and Nixon administrations, and author of
Richard Milhous Nixon: The Rise of an American Politician

"The Sandinista Revolution was the only contemporary revolution to have embraced political pluralism. Our commitment to democracy, one of the values most dear to the revolution, is what allowed us to hold open and free elections in 1984 and 1990. This book tells another, very disturbing, side of the story—the enormous pressures exerted over the electoral process by the U.S. government, for whom 'democracy' meant nothing less than defeating the Sandinista Front."

—Sergio Ramírez

Former vice president of Nicaragua

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