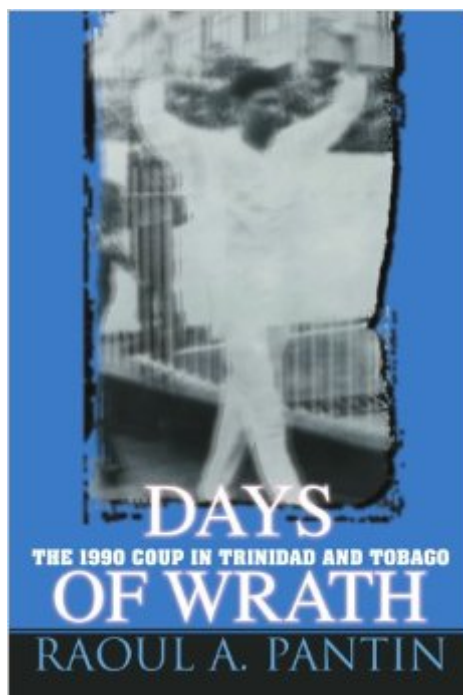


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Days Of Wrath: The 1990 Coup In Trinidad And Tobago



Synopsis

A full decade before the horrific attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, the small Caribbean nation of Trinidad and Tobago came under its own terrorist assault from a small fundamentalist Muslim group known as the Jamaat al Muslimeen. For six days in 1990, the country, a former British colony that had achieved its independence in 1962, was virtually held for ransom as the terrorists launched an armed invasion of the sitting Parliament and the country's lone television station. *Days of Wrath* recounts the six days of terror wrought by a handful of Muslim terrorists. Told by a seasoned journalist who was one of the hostages in the Trinidad and Tobago Television building, this sensational account describes in vivid detail the scene that had the citizens of the nation wondering if they would now have to submit to another form of colonization.

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I was 9 when the coup d' etat took place in Trinidad and realized at my present 33 years - i am quite ignorant of what really happened when abu backr tried to take over my country. This book was an entertaining starter in educating myself on the topic. It is a first hand account from a person who was held hostage for 5 days inside TTT with Abu Backr. Previous to reading this book - I actually thought Abu was in the red house during the ordeal not inside TTT. At times i found it a bit repetitive and maybe a bit too opinionated (not enough clear facts), but either way its good reading and educational at the same time. I am still searching for more info on WHY he did what he did and HOW he did it. I do plan to read the commission of inquiry report once i get my hands on it, but feel i will still be asking the same questions after. njw

I enjoyed this book very much, it was a bit repetitive at times but still a good read, I finished it in one day! I was only five years old when this happened, and unfortunately, the history and the events surrounding the coup was never on our curriculum in school (I attended school in Trinidad from elementary to high school. Anyone who wants a taste of Trinidadian history should buy this book.

As an eye-witness to the events, Mr. Pantin's account and opinion cannot be diminished. Ten-plus years after the attempted coup, the society, the state, the people of Trinidad & Tobago, are yet to fully acknowledge or understand what took place and more importantly - why. If there is one criticism about the work it would be that it is long-winded. Too often the author would go off on a tangent to provide excessive information on a related topic. While this may be important, it does break the rhythm of the narrative. Despite that however, this book is an excellent read and should be added to the local secondary school Curriculum.

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Author of 90 Days of Violence and Oh My Testicles!: A tale of entanglement

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