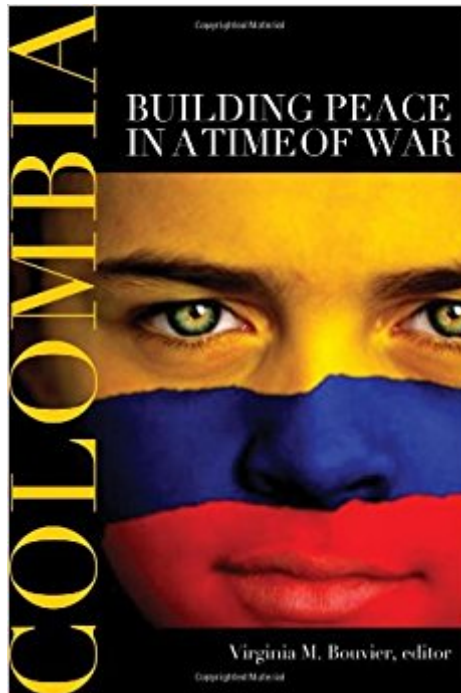




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# Colombia: Building Peace In A Time Of War



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“The volume offers a detailed map that Colombian government authorities, civil society leaders, and the international community can follow to help construct an enduring peace. Other societies undergoing similar conflicts will benefit enormously from this singular contribution.”

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Bringing together the experiences and insights of more than thirty experienced and emerging authors, human rights activists, and peace practitioners from Colombia and abroad, Colombia: Building Peace in a Time of War documents and analyzes the vast array of peace initiatives that have emerged in Colombia in recent years. The volume explores how local and regional initiatives relate to national efforts, provides insights into the negotiating practices of the past two decades, and identifies possible synergies. Additionally, it examines the multiple roles of civil society and the international community in the country's complex search for peace. Its textured conclusions offer a wide spectrum of analytical and practical lessons for Colombia and those seeking to transform violent conflicts in other parts of the globe

As a graduate student of peace processes and post-conflict reconstruction in Latin America I have found this book to be an excellent resource on Colombia and that nation's prospects for peace. Rather than an assemblage of scholarly essays bundled under one theme, the editor seems to have commissioned 20+ chapters by recognized experts to form a thorough, balanced volume. It has been useful in several of my classes this semester as I work to understand the context and trajectory of the conflict--at the state level as well as the popular level.I am sorry that 's first version of this page apparently contained a typo that irked some readers. If you can manage to move past that random glitch, you will find a well of solid info & analysis on Colombia.

Excellent compilation by one of the leading experts in the field. Bouvier has assembled an insightful

collection of essays from contributors who show a deep knowledge of local-level peacebuilding initiatives in multiple sectors of society in Colombia. A defining contribution to this field.

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This purchase arrived in a timely manner."No one was behaving from very Buddhist motives. Then, thought Pigsy, he was hardly a Buddha, nor was he a monkey. Presently, he was a pig spirit changed into a little girl pretending to be a little boy to be offered to a water monster. It was all very simple to a pig spirit."

Bouvier's collection of essays on different peace initiatives at the local, regional and national level is an extremely helpful tool for the student, academic or practitioner. The book highlights many of the inspiring peace work going on in Colombia despite the odds. This book is a must read for those who hope to work on this conflict, or for those who want to get a deeper understanding of the peace initiatives in this country. In-depth, yet accessible to different publics, *Building Peace in Time of War* will hopefully broaden the current discourse on Colombia from one of war to one of peace.

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