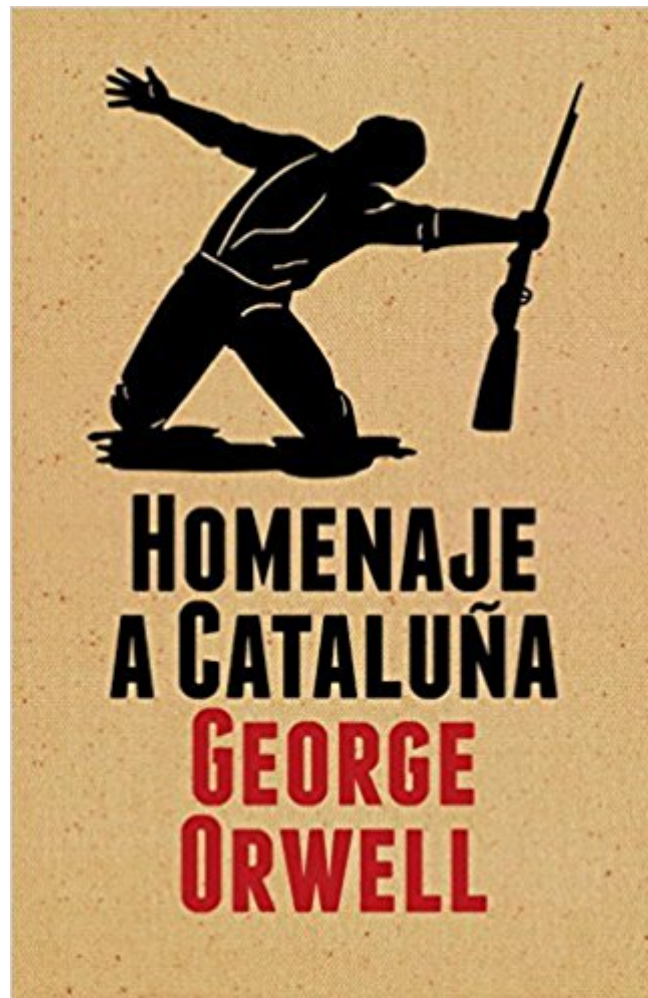




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Synopsis

Orwell estuvo como miliciano del POUM en Cataluña desde el 26 de diciembre de 1936 hasta el 23 de junio de 1937, durante la Guerra Civil, y muestra la represión de la que fueron objeto los militantes del POUM por parte de los sectores estalinistas del gobierno republicano. En ella, Orwell narra su llegada a una Barcelona que bulle en los últimos días de 1936 en la revolución libertaria, expresando su admiración por la misma en largos párrafos de su texto, con el fin de integrarse a una unidad combatiente del POUM y evitar integrarse como miliciano en las Brigadas Internacionales (con cuyo liderazgo mayormente comunista no simpatizaba Orwell). Pese a mantenerse como un marxista revolucionario dentro del POUM, Orwell no oculta su admiración sobre la forma en que los anarquistas de Barcelona controlan los espacios públicos de una ciudad tan vasta, y cómo la administran siguiendo sus principios libertarios, modificando costumbres cotidianas y hábitos de vida entre la población civil, para establecer incluso en esos ámbitos el anarquismo. Luego Orwell narra su vida en el frente desde enero (Alcubierre) a mayo de 1937, siendo que el 20 de mayo es herido en el frente de Aragón por un fusilero franquista y es enviado de vuelta a Barcelona. En ese momento Orwell dice estar muy molesto al notar cómo la situación de los anarquistas se va degradando progresivamente, hasta regresar al statu quo de una Barcelona dominada por el autoritarismo estalinista del Partido Comunista, y donde los principios libertarios de 1936 han sido suprimidos. Enterado de la persecución del POUM tras los Sucesos de mayo de 1937, persecución que el autor considera ampliada contra trotskistas y anarquistas, y en general contra cualquier atisbo de crítica, Orwell dice temer por su vida y abandona España en el mes de junio, no sin pena. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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ERIC ARTHUR BLAIR (1903 1950), better known by his pen name George Orwell, was an English author and journalist whose best-known works include the dystopian novel 1984 and the satirical novella Animal Farm. He is consistently ranked among the best English writers of the 20th century, and his writing has had a huge, lasting influence on contemporary culture. Several of his coined words have since entered the English language, and the word "Orwellian" is now used to describe totalitarian or authoritarian social practices. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

It's not the best book by George Orwell although it gives a great impression of Spain Civil war, before reading this I had a totally different idea of this period on Cataluña. Something that I took from the book is the basic strategy of military actions on the line in that time, because of the limitations of weaponry and resources being on the line is more about resistance than actual shooting skills.

So I didn't read the whole thing, but the cover of the book is very nice and some pages are glossy pictures. High quality stuff.

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