



## Romantic Revolutionary: Simon Bolivar and the Struggle for Independence in Latin America (Hardback)

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Little, Brown Book Group, United Kingdom, 2011. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 236 x 156 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Simon Bolivar was the archetypal romantic revolutionary. Born into privilege and nurtured in the Rousseau s philosophy of the Homme Sauvage, it was not until the young colonial visited Europe that the taper of revolution was lit that sent the young man on a death-defying quest to fight for the people of his homeland, and eventually liberate the whole of continental South America. Bolivar s struggle for liberty is a story of extraordinary courage and fortune. Since the age of the Conquistadores, South America was controlled from Spain with an iron grip. The Spanish army brutalised the people while the wealth of the continent was shipped away to Europe. In 1807, he returned to Caracas and joined the resistance movement, declaring independence for Venezuela four years later. He soon gave up politics, however, to search for a military solution, devising the Decree of War until Death in July 1813, and claiming the title El Liberador. Yet once again, after initial victories he found himself fleeing for his life. His final campaign from 1817 to 1821 saw the eventual liberation...



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