

Alliance Curse: How America Lost the Third World

In *Alliance Curse*, award-winning journalist Robert Kaplan tells the gripping story of how America's Cold War alliances with dictators and despots sowed the seeds of its own decline.



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From the Shah of Iran to Saddam Hussein, from Mobutu Sese Seko to Ferdinand Marcos, Kaplan shows how America's support for these brutal regimes not only failed to contain communism, but also created a backlash that has come back to haunt the United States.

Kaplan argues that America's alliances with dictatorships were based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the nature of the Cold War. The United States saw the Cold War as a global struggle between democracy and

communism, and it believed that by supporting anti-communist dictators, it could prevent the spread of Soviet influence.

But Kaplan shows that this strategy was deeply flawed. The dictatorships that America supported were not interested in democracy or human rights. They were interested in power and self-enrichment. And their rule only served to alienate their people and create fertile ground for radicalism.

Kaplan's book is a powerful and provocative account of how America's Cold War alliances sowed the seeds of its own decline. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the roots of the current crisis in the Middle East and beyond.

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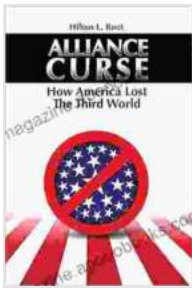
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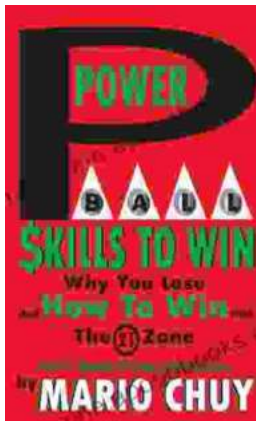
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