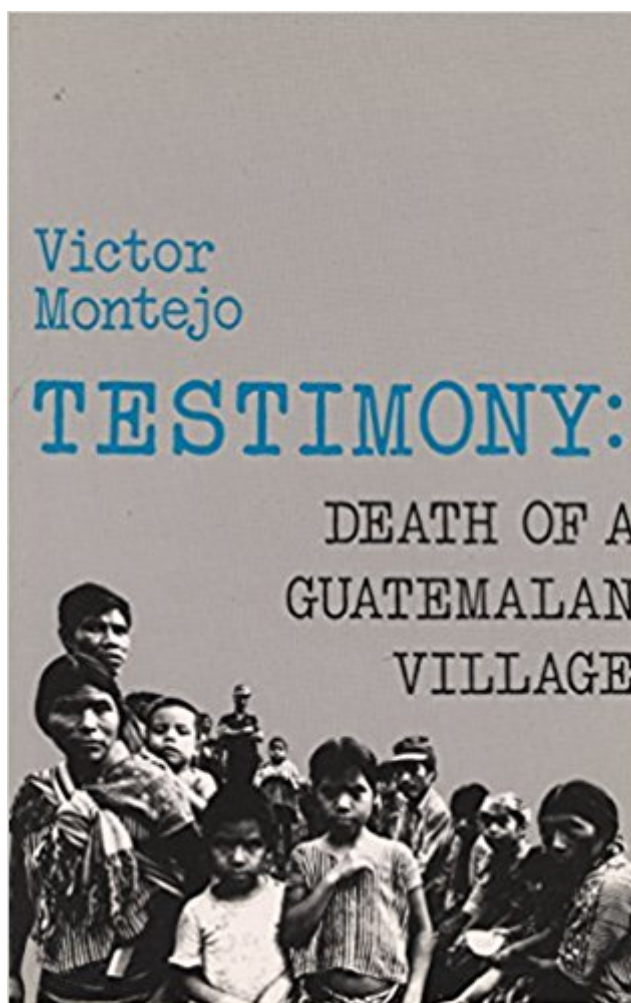


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# Testimony: Death Of A Guatemalan Village



## Synopsis

TESTIMONY: DEATH OF A GUATEMALAN VILLAGE is an eyewitness account by a Guatemalan primary school teacher detailing one instance of violent conflict between the indigenous Maya people and the army. An accidental clash between the village's "civil patrol" and a Guatemalan army troop leads to the execution or imprisonment of many villagers. Written in clear, direct prose, this account reads like an adventure story while conveying an historical reality.

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## Customer Reviews

"Victor Montejo writes vividly, with a translator of distinction, about another Latin American reality."

--The Guardian  
"Montejo has first-hand involvement with the violence that Didion both mystifies and, in a morbid way, romanticizes. He conveys a rare sense of the lived reality in Central America, in a clear storytelling voice that makes it chillingly human."--San Francisco Sun

Text: English (translation) Original Language: Spanish --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I had to read this memoir for a Native American Studies course I'm currently taking, taught by none other than Victor Montejo himself. Although this book was one of the assigned texts, I had no idea what horrendous and trying events Professor Montejo had been through; he is such a sweet, happy man in class, no one could ever guess. The events portrayed in the memoir are incredible & very

clearly paint exactly what Montejó experienced. The sadness of the people, the brutality of the soldiers, and the overall unbelievable account of true events is astonishing.

A great first hand perspective of life during the Guatemalan Civil War. Victor manages to not vilify or dehumanize the soldiers that carried out the killings and sheds light on the long term impact of conflict on social relations.

Heartbreaking account of war and tragedy in Guatemala.

Good but limited to one village.

Amazing story, well written, an important contribution.

Good but gritty. Be prepared for some scary stuff.

Not a fun read, but an interesting commentary of the abuse by Guatemala of its native Mayan people by the Guatemalan military system.

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