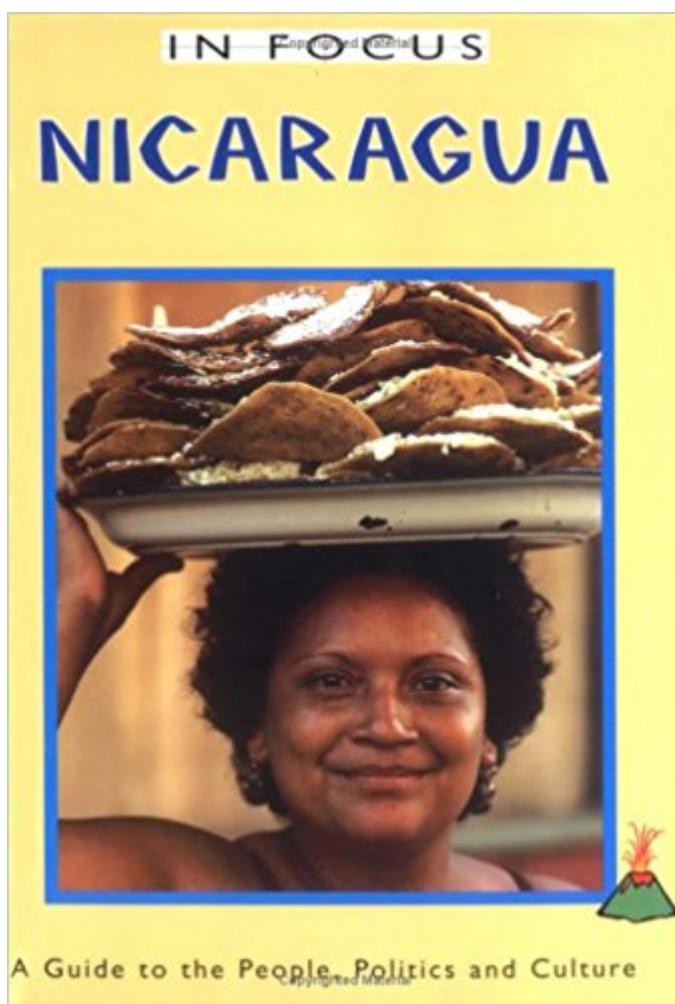


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# Nicaragua /in Focus: A Guide To The People, Politics And Culture (The In Focus Guides)



## **Synopsis**

"Nicaragua in Focus" is an authoritative and up-to-date guide to this fascinating country. It explores the land, history and politics (including the crucial and difficult relationship with the U.S.), economy, society and people, culture and environment, and includes tips on where to go and what to see. Color and b&w photos, maps.

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This rather slender book purports to be an overview of the history, culture, and economics of Nicaragua. In reality it is an apologia for the Sandinistas and for Daniel Ortega in particular. At page 26 she writes (being none too shy about ascribing motives and feelings): "Daniel, as he was affectionately known, was trusted. Huge crowds would flock to "Face the People" meetings in towns and villages across the country, where they listened attentively to his explanations of the nation's problems, asked questions and debated Sandinista policy. Many left those meetings more determined than ever to make whatever personal sacrifices they could for the revolution." If the same kind of thing were written about George Washington, it would justifiably be called romantic claptrap. The author, Hazel Plunkett, about whom I could find nothing on the web, would appear to have a bright future making TV political advertisements for her preferred candidates.

Why this book is listed as a travel vs a cultural guide, I will never know. Maybe it's an indexing problem and the author never meant it to be perceived as a travel guide. It has all of 2 pages of

travel-related information and so general as to be practically useless. If you are interested in reading about the history and culture of the country, this may be right up your alley...though none of the information is very in-depth. If you are looking for a travel guide, go with Ulysses. At least it has the usual "attractions, hotels, restaurants, transportation" guides.

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