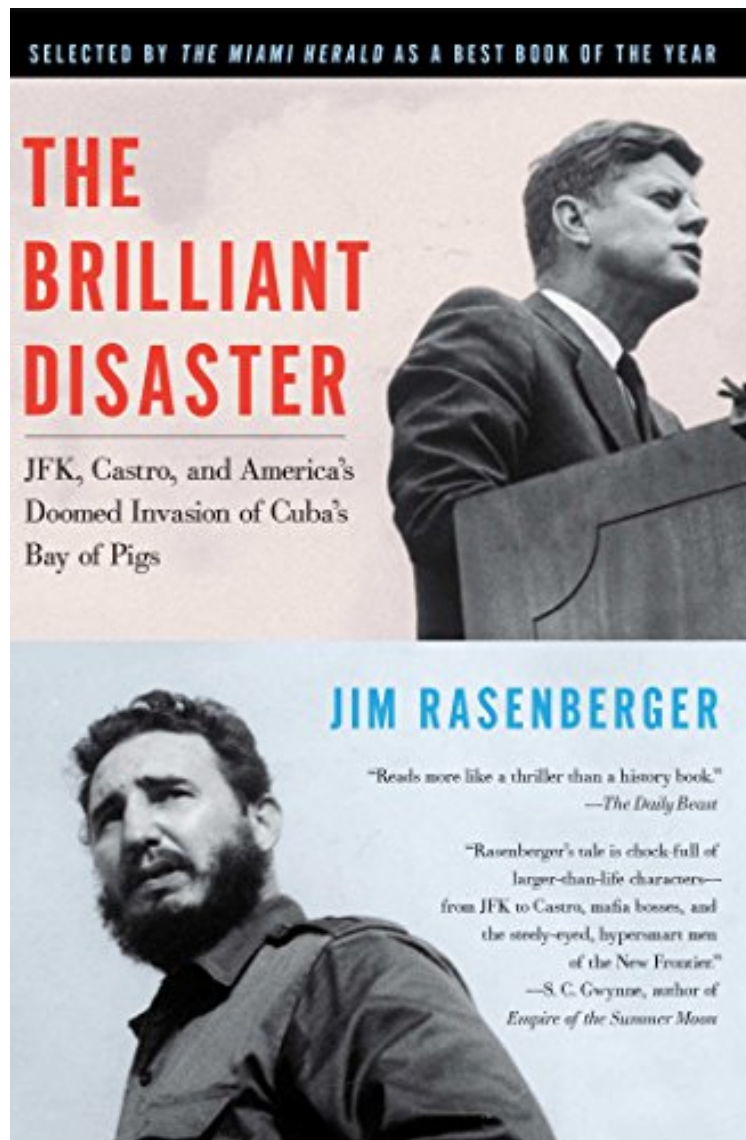


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Tiefe Einblicke in die Entscheidungsebenen Von Frank Huebner Ich habe nun so 20 Bücher zum Thema gelesen und habe dieses ohne große Erwartungen begonnen. Es ist so gut und spannend, dass ich es nicht mehr aus der Hand legen konnte! Es werden die Anfänge der Kuba-USA-Differenzen betrachtet, der anfängliche US-Hype um den "guten" Fidel Castro (im Gegensatz zum CIA-gestützten Diktator Batista) beschrieben und die panische Angst der US-Regierung, wem man da zujubelt. Unter Präsident Eisenhower begannen die Planungen, Castro zu beseitigen, aber erst, nachdem dieser diverse US-Firmen auf Kuba enteignet hat. Und niemand legt sich mit der US-Finanzwelt an! Die Planungen wurden durch den neuen Präsidenten John F. Kennedy fortgeführt, der schließlich 1961 das Okay für die Invasion einer CIA-Geführten und durch Exilkubaner gebildeten Brigade gibt. Sehr anschaulich wird beschrieben, wie die CIA die Politik belagert hat und die ganzen Analysten gar keine Ahnung hatten vom Zustand innerhalb Kubas. Es werden neben den Vorbereitungen der Landung auch die Ausbildung der Brigadisten geschildert, wie auch die Kämpfe. Auch sind die Nachwehen der Invasion beschrieben, vom Pokern um die Gefangenen und die politischen Ränkespielchen in den USA und vor der UNO. Peter Wydens Buch über die Schweinebucht ist sicher die bessere militärische Beschreibung, aber dieses Buch sollte man auf jeden Fall auch gelesen haben! Ein Muss, wer sich für Militärgeschichte und für die CIA-Geschichte interessiert.

Kurzbeschreibung A balanced, engrossing account (Kirkus's, starred review) of the Bay of Pigs crisis drawing on long-hidden CIA documents and delivering the vivid truth of five pivotal days in April 1961. At the heart of the Bay of Pigs crisis stood President John F. Kennedy, and journalist Jim Rasenberger traces what Kennedy knew, thought, and said as events unfolded. He examines whether Kennedy was manipulated by the CIA into approving a plan that would ultimately involve the American military. He also draws compelling portraits of the other figures who played key roles in the drama: Fidel Castro, who shortly after achieving power visited New York City and was cheered by thousands (just months before the United States began plotting his demise); Dwight Eisenhower, who originally ordered the secret program, then later disavowed it; Allen Dulles, the CIA director who may have told Kennedy about the plan before he was elected president (or so Richard Nixon suspected); and Richard Bissell, the famously brilliant *deus ex machina* who ran the operation for the CIA and took the blame when it failed. Beyond the short-term fallout, Rasenberger demonstrates, the Bay of Pigs gave rise to further and greater woes, including the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, and even, possibly, the assassination of John Kennedy. Written with elegant clarity and narrative verve, *The Brilliant Disaster* is the most complete account of this event to date, providing not only a fast-paced chronicle of the disaster but an analysis of how it occurred a question as relevant today as then and how it profoundly altered the course of modern American history. Pressestimmen This is history at its best: meticulous research distilled into luminous prose and a gripping narrative. This is not only the finest book ever written on the Bay of Pigs fiasco, but also one of the most balanced, keen-eyed surveys of the early days of the Kennedy administration. A page-turner that packs as much of a punch as the best of fiction thrillers, Rasenberger's *The Brilliant Disaster* lays bare many a bleached bone, but, in the process, also provides readers with invaluable treasure: a clearer understanding of the relation between past, present, and future. Carlos Eire, National Book Award winning author of *Waiting for Snow in Havana* Pressestimmen This is history at its best: meticulous research distilled into luminous prose and a gripping narrative. This is not only the finest book ever written on the Bay of Pigs fiasco, but also one of the most balanced, keen-eyed surveys of the early days of the Kennedy administration. A page-turner that packs as much of a punch as the best of fiction thrillers, Rasenberger's *The Brilliant Disaster* lays bare many a bleached bone, but, in the process, also provides readers with invaluable treasure: a clearer understanding of the relation between past, present, and future. Carlos Eire, National Book Award winning author of *Waiting for Snow in Havana*