MARITA

One Woman's Extraordinary Tale of Love and Espionage from Castro to Kennedy

Marita Lorenz with Ted Schwartz

• **"A curvy, black-haired Mata Hari."**
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This is the captivating tale of Marita Lorenz, who became Fidel Castro's lover at the age of 18 and gave birth to a child by him. Marita tells her story with the passion and force that it took to live it. After a torrid love affair with Castro, she woke up, drugged and bleeding, in New York and was told that the baby she had been carrying was dead. She still doesn't know what happened, but the CIA convinced her that Castro had betrayed her and they recruited her help in attempting to kill him.

Thus begins the fascinating story of Marita Lorenz: her adventures as an accomplished but unwilling CIA operative; her marriage to former Venezuelan dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez and the year she and her baby daughter spent in exile in the dense jungle with the Yanomano indians; her gun-running mission to Dallas for the CIA with Lee Harvey Oswald just three days before the JFK assassination; her final trip to Cuba to meet with Castro and see, for the first time, the son she thought was dead. Today she lives with the constant harassment of operatives tailing her and communicates with her son by Castro only through the Cuban mission in New York.

Marita Lorenz, now 53, lives in Queens, NY. **Ted Schwartz** has coauthored *DeLorean* and *The Peter Lawford Story.* He lives in East Cleveland, OH.

"[It] was a man's world...and I did better than them. I endured weather extremes better than the average hot-headed male brigade, didn't collapse carrying a 100-pound pack in training in the Everglades, didn't complain, and I could shoot better...Always I had thoughts of the love I once had [with Fidel Castro]. That, and 'orders,' kept me going, combined with a fat CIA envelope full of cash every month from 'Eduardo,' E. Howard Hunt. It was a good living. I felt mean, nasty, hurt, unworthy. I never smiled. I was called *Alemanita Fria,* the cold German."
—from the book

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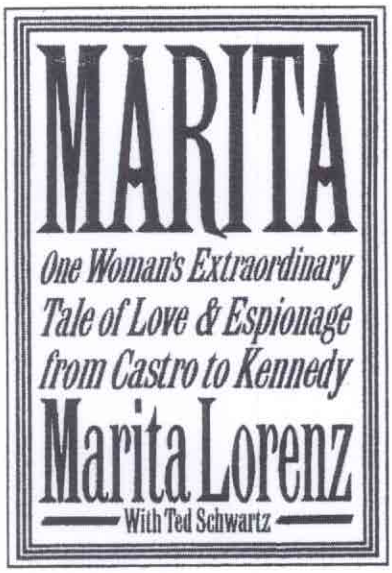

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