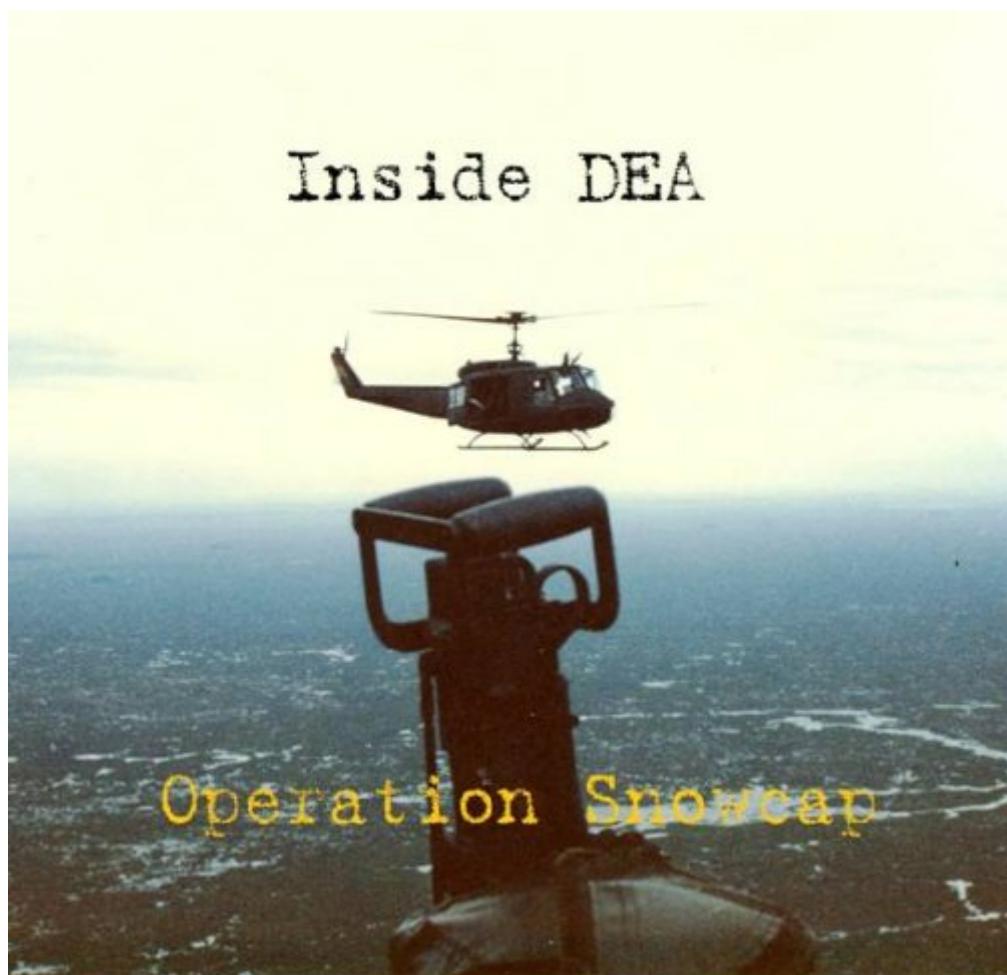


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Inside DEA Operation Snowcap



Synopsis

The spine of the Andes Mountain, which runs through Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia, is the source of almost all of the world's cocaine-based products, both legal and otherwise. In 1986, in the midst of the American cocaine epidemic, the Reagan administration decided that the drug problem needed to be attacked at its source. The result was an eight-year clandestine drug war known as Operation Snowcap. From 1987 through 1994, groups of twelve to fifteen DEA agents were dispatched to South American countries on ninety-day temporary duty tours. These DEA agents met with counterparts from their host nation and together rained destruction down on the infrastructure and transportation networks that supported the illegal cocaine trade. Author Bob Hartman was deployed ten times during the course of Operation Snowcap. Inside DEA is his gripping, firsthand account of America's secretive drug war. In this true story, Hartman chronicles both his triumphs and tragedies and recounts his frustration with his superiors and the biased media portrayals of the operation. Prepare to be transported to the jungles of South America for an inside look at an often misunderstood chapter of history.

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About once a chapter the author wades into his own (sometimes irrelevant) political viewpoints, which makes it a bit like talking to your cool grandpa about his career in the drug war. Awesome stories and good insight into an historic campaign in South America, peppered with curmudgeonly grumbling about tree-hugging commies.

This is an excellent 'insider' view of the "Drug War" through the years. Mr. Hartman has 'been there and done that' many times over. To his credit, he is still 'involved'. He, like many other unsung heroes did what he could do to try and 'stem the flow' of illegal narcotics. Like most who try to do 'the right thing', sometimes you question those in authority above you as their actions seem to be working against you rather than with you, such are the politics of law enforcement, etc., etc.. The book is a quick read and has many excellent, good quality photos. Highly recommended.

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