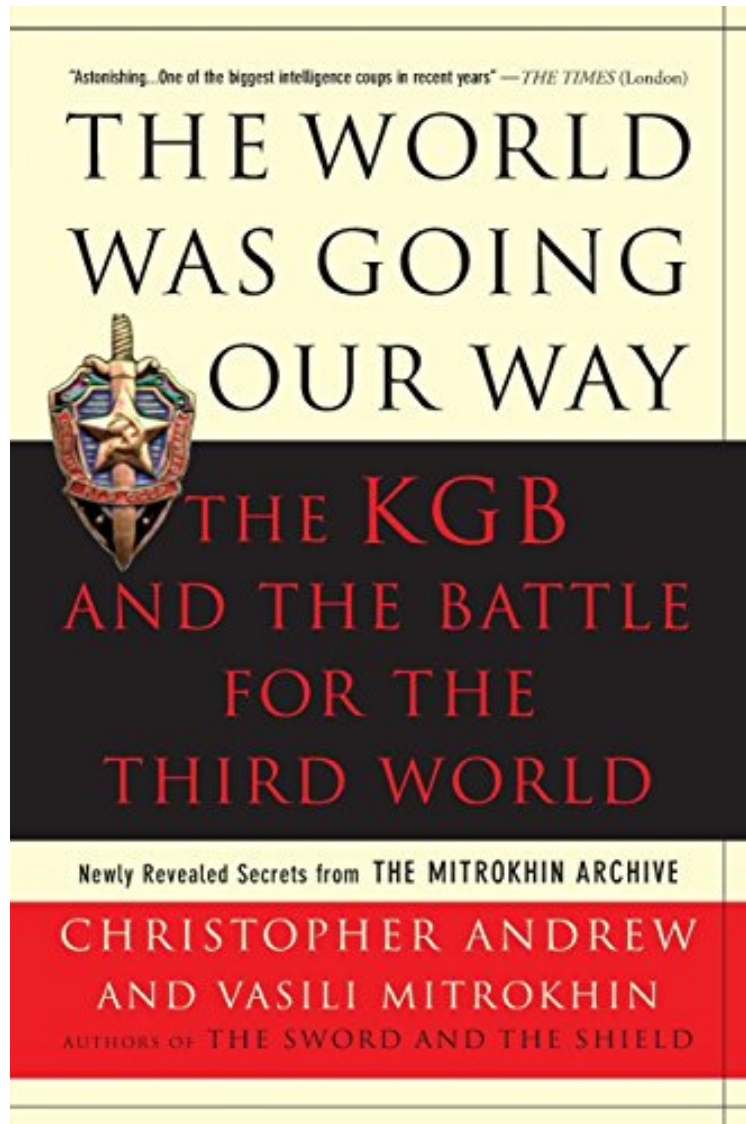


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be worth my time, and all praised *The World Was Going Our Way: The KGB and the Battle for the the Third World - Newly Revealed Secrets from the Mitrokhin Archive*:

8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. *The Finest Account of Soviet Activities in the Third World* By Jeffrey J. Ward My first recommendation to readers is to watch the superb Youtube video presentation at the International Spy Museum by Christopher Andrew in 2005 when this book was published. This is the best introduction. This is part of the Mitrokhin series and Vasili Mitrokhin should be credited as a co-author as is done on the title page. The book is dedicated to the late Mitrokhin and his late wife. Mitrokhin was the archivist of the KGB secret files and risked his life and probably that of his wife in smuggling his extensive notes out of Moscow to the newly free Baltic states. The first book in the series "The Sword and the Shield" published in 1999 should be read first and covers the entire history of Soviet intelligence. This book focuses on Soviet activities in the third world and will be of special interest to present and former residents of third world countries and scholars of modern third world history. I am passing this book on to a colleague born in Pakistan who will have a hard time putting down the parts describing KGB activities in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India. In this series, Cambridge historian Christopher Andrew points out that many previous works that claim to be based upon the release of previously secret KGB were actually accounts that were handed to authors by the current Russian Intelligence Service and are sanitized versions of KGB history. This is the real unsanitized history and is probably the most complete picture of any intelligence agency the world will ever see. It is must reading for anyone wanting to understand the cold war, the era of decolonization and the failure of the Soviet Union. Ronald Reagan had it exactly right--this was indeed the "Evil Empire." 15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Excellent :better than prequel By H. Williams This book is even better than the first one (in my own opinion). For years, we were told that the front lines of the cold war were in Europe with the third world serving as a battlefield where the superpowers can fight proxy wars. Before this book came out we were very familiar with the CIA's role in Iran, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Chile and other places using dirty tricks and covert operations to promote American interests. This book details the KGB's equivalent operations. We learn that the KGB sponsored a "Hostile takeover" of India; that it was in close contact with Salvador Allende and Fidel Castro and that it was the main support for the ANC during the apartheid struggle. The book shows that although the KGB had numerous tactical successes, in the long run this could not help the Soviet system as communism was a flawed ideology and doomed anyway. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Ultimately the failure of communism was its economy. By Bernard Zit It is a well written study of how the KGB tried to manipulate and fight the cold war in the third world. I was a bit disappointed though after reading at the start how this new and great archive was now available. Yet little of it is presented here. Overall there seemed little radically new in the book although there are some new and interesting points. For example in South Africa, I never realized how much the USSR and South Africa must have traded during the apartheid era in diamonds. The writer's argument which I think is correct is that the KGB was one of the major means used by the Soviets to spread communism throughout the world. Often they were more inventive and clever than their enemies. Unfortunately for the USSR, either the form of communism that took shape in these third world countries produced a rival for example China or they became a major drain on the Soviet economy. Often they were played by the locals just like the US. At the end of the Cold War, in the third world as in many other fields the Soviet's economy could not afford the price.

In 1992, Vasili Mitrokhin, a former KGB archivist, snuck out of Russia carrying with him a vast cache of transcriptions of top-secret KGB intelligence files. The FBI later described his trove of documents as "the most complete and extensive intelligence ever achieved from any source." Renowned historian Christopher Andrew had exclusive access to both Mitrokhin and his archive. In 1999, they published the explosive bestseller *The Sword and the Shield*, which provided a complete account of KGB operations in Europe and America. In *The World Was Going Our Way*, Andrew now chronicles the KGB's extensive penetration of governments throughout the Third World--the battlefield on which the U.S.S.R. sought to achieve global supremacy. Andrew's definitive account fundamentally revises the history of the Cold War, and sheds new light on the state of the world today. The KGB worked tirelessly for decades to foster anti-Americanism in the developing world, making this book essential reading for anyone seeking to understand the intractable hostility America faces in the ongoing war on terror.

From Publishers Weekly This second volume of the post-war history of the KGB--based on the "Mitrokhin Archive" of secret documents purloined by the late co-author, a KGB dissident--surveys the Soviet spy agency's skullduggery in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Historian Andrew portrays Russian policy toward the Third World as largely the creation of the KGB, which hoped that the spread of Soviet influence and revolutionary upheavals would make these regions the decisive Cold War battleground. The Cuban Revolution inspired these ambitions, and by 1980, after the American defeat in Vietnam and with leftist regimes installed in Nicaragua and Grenada, Cuban troops fighting in Africa and Russian forces occupying Afghanistan, both American and Soviet officials saw communism on the march. Still, in Andrew's account, Soviet initiatives--with a few exceptions, like the Afghanistan intervention--seem cautious,

reactive and uncomfortably dependent on fickle client regimes; wary of confronting the United States, Russia often exerted a restraining influence on local allies. Andrew's engaging, occasionally gossipy narrative provides new evidence of Soviet sponsorship of Latin American insurgencies and Palestinian terrorists, along with details of KGB spycraft and dirty tricks. The world-wide communist conspiracy he depicts was far from a juggernaut, but he sheds new light on the hidden history of the Cold War. Photos. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Christopher Andrew is Professor of Modern and Contemporary History at Cambridge University. In addition to *The Sword and the Shield*, his previous books include *Her Majesty's Secret Service*, *KGB*, and *For the President's Eyes Only*. He lives in Cambridge, England.