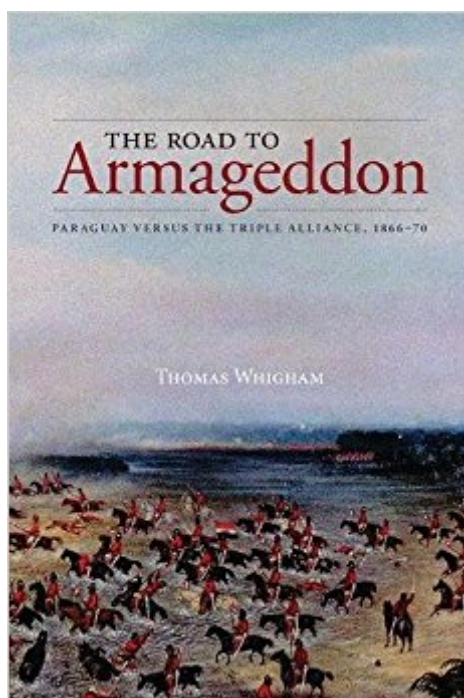


The book was found

# The Road To Armageddon: Paraguay Versus The Triple Alliance, 1866-70



## Synopsis

In 1864 Paraguayan dictator Francisco Solano Lopez seized the Brazilian steamer, the Marques de Olinda, initiating what became the most significant war ever fought in South America. By 1866 Lopez's offensive had ended, replaced by a brutal and protracted Allied siege of Paraguay. Whigham's study takes the story of this epic conflict from this point, describing not only key personalities and various military engagements but also explaining how the war shaped society, how men and women mobilized only to suffer on an unimaginable scale. He shows how thousands of Brazilian, Argentine, and Uruguayan soldiers were killed by 1870 and many more left wounded or broken. On their side, the Paraguayans saw their population fall to less than half its pre-war figure, and the country's economy more or less ceased to function. Yet, for all the devastation it unleashed, the Triple Alliance War also acted as a major catalyst, permanently changing political parameters on the continent and etching the struggle into popular memory in an unforgettable way. *The Road to Armageddon* is the definitive work on the Triple Alliance War of 1864-1866. There is no other work in English that covers this war in such detail and with such a wide use of sources. Unlike the other works published on the Triple Alliance conflict, which are based almost exclusively on secondary works, *The Road to Armageddon* is based on a broad consideration of newspaper sources and primary materials from a score of archives and libraries in Brazil, Paraguay, Great Britain, Argentina, Uruguay, Italy, and the United States. In addition to focusing on high politics and the conduct of the war, the study also attempts to examine the conflict from the bottom up, with testimony drawn from poor men and women who witnessed the worst aspects of the war. *The Road to Armageddon* is not the only English-language work on the war, but it is distinctly the most complete. The images, which are relatively unknown in North America, are particularly fine as are the maps.

## Book Information

Paperback: 672 pages

Publisher: Univ of Calgary Pr (November 15, 2017)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1552388093

ISBN-13: 978-1552388099

Shipping Weight: 1.1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #1,453,795 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #18 in [Books > History >](#)

[Americas > South America > Paraguay](#) #1438 in [Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics](#)

& Government > International & World Politics > Caribbean & Latin American #40923 in [Books](#)  
> History > Military

## Customer Reviews

Born in San Diego, Thomas Whigham spent his youth in Baja California, where he learned to distinguish grunion from kelp, and in Central America, where he vaccinated hundreds of Guatemalan and Honduran children in the 1970s. He earned a doctorate in Latin American history at Stanford University in 1985, and afterwards became Professor of History at the University of Georgia, where he teaches today. He served as a Fulbright scholar in Argentina and Paraguay in 1988 and 1992. Whigham has written or edited twenty-two books on the history and culture of Latin American. One study, *The Paraguayan War. Causes and Early Conduct*, was a CHOICE Academic Title for 2003. From 2004 to 2007 he participated as historical advisor and scriptwriter for "A Guerra Esquecida," a documentary film on the 1860s produced for Brazilian television. He is a member of Paraguay's National Academy of History, co-director of the Jornadas Internacionales de la Historia del Paraguay, and area editor for the Platine countries with the Handbook of Latin American Studies. He also serves on the Advisory Board for Humanidades, the scholarly journal of the University of Montevideo and has also translated medieval Portuguese into modern English for the international Fernao Lopes project.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Road to Armageddon: Paraguay Versus the Triple Alliance, 1866-70  
Armies of the War of the Triple Alliance 1864-1870: Paraguay, Brazil, Uruguay & Argentina (Men-at-Arms)  
To the Bitter End: Paraguay and the War of the Triple Alliance (Contributions in Military Studies)  
Paraguay and the Triple Alliance: The Postwar Decade, 1869-1878 (Latin American Monographs, No. 44)  
Paraguay and the Triple Alliance: The Postwar Decade, 1869-1878  
The Tenochca Empire of Ancient Mexico: The Triple Alliance of Tenochtitlan, Tetzaco, and Tlacopan (The Civilization of the American Indian Series)  
Triple H Making the Game: Triple H's Approach to a Better Body (WWE)  
Perdon Paraguay (Che nyro Paraguai): Analisis historico de la Guerra de la Triple Alianza (Spanish Edition)  
Guerra del Paraguay: La triple alianza contra los paises del Plata (Spanish Edition)  
Datos Históricos De La Guerra Del Paraguay Con La Triple Alianza... (Spanish Edition)  
Amazing Pictures and Facts About Paraguay: The Most Amazing Fact Book for Kids About Paraguay  
PARAGUAY Country Studies: A brief, comprehensive study of Paraguay  
Paises Guay: El Uruguay es el Paraguay antiguo y el Paraguay es el Uruguay de los tiempos modernos (Spanish Edition)  
Journeys and Experiences in Argentina, Paraguay and Chile (illustrated): Including a Side Trip to

the Source of the Paraguay River in the State of Matto Grosso, Brazil, and Across the Andes Peru  
Historia de la Compania de Jesus En La Provincia del Paraguay (Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay,  
Peru, Bolivia y Brasil) Segun Los Documentos Originales ... 1760-1768 (Classic Reprint) (Spanish  
Edition) Westward We Came: A Norwegian Immigrant's Story, 1866-1898 Yukon Territory: The  
Narrative of W.H. Dall, Leader of the Expedition to Alaska in 1866-1868 and the Narrative of an  
Exploration Made in 1887 The Great Bahamas Hurricane of 1866: The Story of One of the Greatest  
and Deadliest Hurricanes to Ever Impact the Bahamas Obsolete Paper Money: Issued by Banks in  
the United States 1782-1866: a Study and Appreciation for the Numismatist and Historian Rumania  
1866-1947 (Oxford History of Modern Europe)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)