

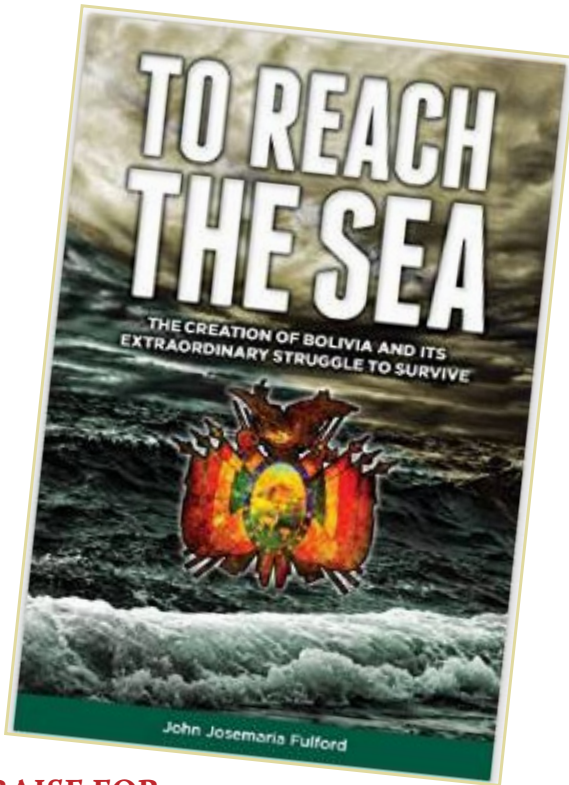
To Reach the Sea

The Creation of Bolivia and its Extraordinary Struggle to Survive

by John Josemaria Fulford

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PRAISE FOR *To Reach the Sea...*

An ambitious book about Bolivia chronicles the nation's rise and fall... A well-researched, vibrant primer on the history of a largely overlooked country.

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This extremely well researched book throws open a large window on what is probably the least known and least understood country in Latin America. Bolivia is a country that has by far the most fascinating and most complex history of all the lands south of Mexico.

The epic starts with the Inca conquest of the land they named the Colasuyo. The Incas were soon followed by the Conquistadores. Then came the discovery of fabulous deposits of silver at Potosi. By the end of the 16th Century the land, now known as The Royal Audiencia of Charcas, had become the jewel in the Spanish crown. From the mint at Potosi came a seemingly endless stream of newly minted silver pesos and in a short time Charcas became richer than Mexico and more powerful than Lima. Its power extended from the Pacific to the Atlantic and Charcas gave birth to the future republics of Argentina and Paraguay.

But all power comes to an end. In a tragically one-sided war Chile stole the Atacama coast. Argentina claimed and took huge areas while Brazil, using power and false promises, gained vital lands in the east and enormous areas in the north. Finally, with the Chaco War, Paraguay doubled its size by taking the entire Chaco region. Within a century of its independence, Bolivia lost half its territory.

But the 21st Century brings new wealth, the discovery of valuable rare minerals and new hope for the country.

This book is not a dry doctoral dissertation. The chapters are crowded with little known details and historic curiosities. The author describes vividly the growth of Bolivia and its decline only to follow through to its new renaissance. A story of a land in glory, turmoil, desperation and then renewal, all making an enjoyable read.

FACTS ABOUT - *To Reach the Sea*

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While backpacking through South America on his honeymoon, Fulford was enchanted by Bolivia. Years later he researched and wrote *To Reach the Sea*, an ambitious history of this little known country.

John's seminal work *The Complete Guide to English Spelling Rules* took 30 years to research, dissect, and then categorize the rules Noah Webster held in his head when he codified the spelling for American English. The guide is the culmination of a life spent perfecting English spelling rules while he taught grades K - 12 through college, adult education, and ESL (English as a Second Language) overseas.

Fulford's life has taken him to almost every continent - he has lived on four. Two prior books, *Hitchhiking to Serendip* about his adventures in 1950s Africa, and *Last Plane to Cochabamba* tell of his travels in South America.

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