



The Year That Changed the World: The Untold Story Behind the Fall of the Berlin Wall

By Michael Meyer

Simon & Schuster Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Year That Changed the World: The Untold Story Behind the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Michael Meyer, 'Mr Gorbachev, tear down this wall!' This declamation by president Ronald Reagan when visiting Berlin in 1987 is widely cited as the clarion call that brought the Cold War to an end. The West had won, so this version of events goes, because the West had stood firm. American and Western European resoluteness had brought an evil empire to its knees. Michael Meyer, in this extraordinarily compelling account of the revolutions that roiled Eastern Europe in 1989, begs to differ. Drawing together breathtakingly vivid, on-the-ground accounts of the rise of Solidarity in Poland, the stealth opening of the Hungarian border, the Velvet Revolution in Prague, and the collapse of the infamous wall in Berlin, Meyer shows that western intransigence was only one of the many factors that provoked such world-shaking change. More important, Meyer contends, were the stands taken by individuals in the thick of the struggle, leaders such as poet and playwright Vaclav Havel in Prague; Lech Walesa; the quiet and determined reform prime minister in Budapest, Miklos Nemeth; and the...



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Basically no phrases to clarify. It really is rally fascinating throgh reading time. Once you begin to read the book, it is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding.

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The publication is great and fantastic. It can be filled with knowledge and wisdom You wont truly feel monotony at at any moment of your time (that's what catalogues are for about if you ask me).

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