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Calling All Heroes: A Manual for Taking Power

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PM Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Calling All Heroes: A Manual for Taking Power, Paco Ignacio Taibo, Gregory Nipper, The euphoric idealism of grassroots reform and the tragic reality of revolutionary failure are at the center of this speculative novel that opens with a real historical event. On October 2, 1968, 10 days before the Summer Olympics in Mexico, the Mexican government responds to a student demonstration in Tlatelolcothe by firing into the crowd, killing more than 200 students and civilians and wounding hundreds more. The massacre does not receive much international attention and though many students are detained, no officials are held accountable. The story then skips ahead two years to a hospital in Mexico City and introduces Nestor, a fictional journalist who witnessed the shootings at Tlatelolcothe. He has been admitted to the hospital for a knife wound, and as he lies in bed, his fevered imagination goes back to the day of the riot. In his delirious state, he becomes so desperate he calls on the heroes of his youth--Sherlock Holmes, Doc Holliday, Wyatt Earp, and D'Artagnan among them--to join him in launching a new movement of reform.

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