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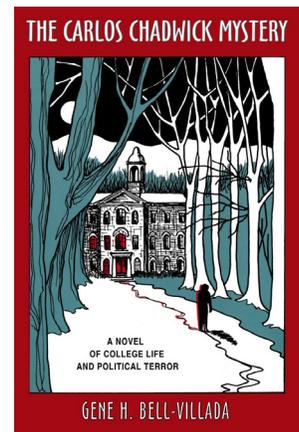
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**THE CARLOS CHADWICK MYSTERY**  
**A Novel of College Life and Political Terror**  
by **Gene H. Bell-Villada**

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Amador Publishers is proud to announce the re-release of Gene H. Bell-Villada's satirical novel, *The Carlos Chadwick Mystery*. Originally published in 1990, this scathing take on anti-left politics, "balanced" journalism and situational ethics has not lost its edge. In fact, the parody cuts so close to "real life," we may wonder which is more bizarre. Asked to comment on *Chadwick's* thirtieth anniversary, the author sent these thoughts:

I first wrote CARLOS CHADWICK in response to US military actions overseas (Vietnam et al.) and to the arguments used for justifying them. "We're fighting for free speech!" or "That's just your perspective!" or "Who's to say what's really happening over there?" or "You need to be more balanced." Truth was not a concern, only "seeing both sides." Hence the centerpiece and raison-d'être of my novel is its closet-play, "Perspectives Industries," in which that mentality and discourse are thoroughly satirized.

Since the book was first published, my satire, alas, has become more like reality. One hears Trump administration spokespersons invoking "alternative facts." Rudi Giuliani has publicly stated, "Facts are in the eye of the beholder," and "Truth isn't truth!" Fox News has as its slogan "Fair and Balanced." Neo-Nazis and racists invoke "Free Speech" in defense of their hatermongering. The vast Internet servers post false reports with near-impunity. In all, we're living in a "post-truth" world, as commentators have noted.

THE CARLOS CHADWICK MYSTERY, then, has become prophetic. It shows that mind control can be exercised not only via straight brainwashing, but by sowing uncertainty and confusion. The world has caught up with my spoof! —Gene H. Bell-Villada, February 2020

**Praise for *The Carlos Chadwick Mystery*:** "Since I first read the book—and I have to confess to reading seven or eight times by now—I have been continually amazed at the way real-life events and people seem to have been taken 'straight out of CARLOS CHADWICK.' Life, politics, and academics will never look the same after you read this book." —Avi Chomsky, Associate Professor of History, Salem State College, Massachusetts

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