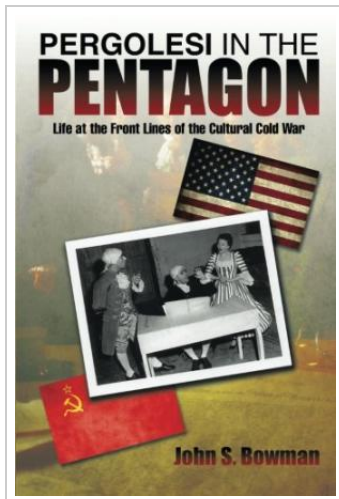




Pergolesi in the Pentagon (Paperback)

By John S Bowman

Xlibris Corporation, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Drafted into the US Army in 1954, John S. Bowman was assigned to Frankfurt, Germany, where with other young Americans he produced a comic opera by the 18th-century Italian composer, Pergolesi. Its success led the Army's Special Services to sponsor their company's tour around US bases, and then to two more productions - Mozart's Bastien und Bastienne and Bach's Coffee Cantata--and also to US Information Agency-sponsored performances before German audiences. Working on his memoir to recapture those adventures and to convey what millions of Americans had experienced while serving in West Germany (1945-1990), Bowman came to realize that he had been participating in the so-called cultural Cold War, so he placed his personal story into the context of the astounding amount of US government sponsored cultural activities aimed at thwarting the appeal of Soviet Communism in Europe. Not intended as an expose, it is simply the most complete account of the incredible and sometimes hilarious arsenal of cultural weaponry deployed in the Cold War - an account that almost all Americans will find both amusing and astonishing.



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