

# The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot: A Book Review

In his new memoir, *The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot*, retired diplomat Carlos Pascual recounts his extraordinary life story. From his humble beginnings as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala to his subsequent career in the US diplomatic service, Pascual has witnessed firsthand some of the most pivotal events in recent history.



## American on Purpose: The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot by Craig Ferguson

★★★★☆ 4.7 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 1941 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
X-Ray	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 290 pages



Pascual's journey begins in the remote highlands of Guatemala, where he spent two years working with indigenous communities. This experience had a profound impact on him, and he soon realized that he wanted to dedicate his life to public service.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, Pascual joined the US Foreign Service. He served in a variety of roles, including as US ambassador to

Ukraine and Mexico. He also played a key role in the negotiations that led to the Iran nuclear deal.

In 2011, Pascual was appointed Special Envoy to the Middle East and North Africa. He served in this role for three years, during which time he helped to coordinate the international response to the Arab Spring. He also played a leading role in the effort to negotiate a ceasefire in Syria.

Pascual's memoir is a fascinating and inspiring read. It is a story of adventure, resilience, and hope. Pascual's story is a reminder that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

## **Reviews**

"The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot is a must-read for anyone interested in diplomacy, foreign policy, or the Middle East." - The Washington Post

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"Pascual's book is a valuable contribution to the literature on diplomacy and foreign policy." - Foreign Affairs

## **About the Author**

Carlos Pascual is a retired diplomat who served in the US Foreign Service for over 30 years. He is the author of the memoir *The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot*.

Pascual is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the State Department's Distinguished Service Award, and the Carnegie Corporation's Andrew Carnegie Medal.

Pascual is currently a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Academy of Diplomacy.



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