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On January 1st, 1994, the indigenous Zapatista National Liberation Army took over five towns and five hundred ranches in southern Mexico.

Three years later the Zapatistas and their charismatic leader, guerrilla poet Subcomandante Marcos, are trapped in the Lacandona jungle. Surrounded by 30,000 Mexican army troops, they struggle to maintain a nervous ceasefire.

Despite on-going peace talks, hundreds have been killed. Director Nettie Wild travels throughout the jungle canyons of Chiapas to capture the elusive and fragile life of a revolution—a life threatened by right-wing, paramilitary death squads. On camera, the death squads accuse the Zapatistas of violence. Off camera, they threaten to kill the film crew.

A PLACE CALLED CHIAPAS provides chilling insight into President Zedillo's "modern" Mexico. Through eight months of filming, Nettie Wild takes the audience with her on a personal journey through fear, hope and illusion.

A PLACE CALLED CHIAPAS captures the beauty and drama of a story that is as surreal as it is powerful.

"An exemplary documentary that vividly and lucidly explores a modern Mexican standoff. It deserves theatrical release and is a must for tube programming and further festival exposure."

—Variety—

"A simple title—but what a movie!"

—Der Tagesspiegel—

"A blistering documentary"

—The Economist—

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