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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.With four successive elected civilian governments, the Central American nation of Panama has made notable political and economic progress since the 1989 U.S. military intervention that ousted the regime of General Manuel Antonio Noriega from power. The current President, Marti 1/2n Torrijos of the Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD), was elected in May 2004 and inaugurated on September 1, 2004. Torrijos, the son of former populist leader General Omar Torrijos, won a decisive electoral victory with almost 48 of the vote in a four-man race. He succeeded President Mireya Moscoso of the Arnulfist Party (PA), elected in 1999, whose administration was tainted by several high-profile corruption scandals. Torrijos electoral alliance also won a majority of seats in the unicameral Legislative Assembly. The most significant challenges facing the new government include dealing with the funding deficits of the country s social security fund; developing plans for the expansion of the Panama Canal; and combating poverty (estimated at 40) and unemployment (estimated at about 12). After more than eight months in office, President Torrijos remains popular, with a 58...

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