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# Book Review (Revolution and Democracy in Ghana)

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## **Book Review**

*Revolution and Democracy in Ghana: The Politics of Jerry John Rawlings*, by Jeffrey Haynes, London: Routledge, 2023, 222 pp., \$160.00 (hardback), index, ISBN 9781032135489

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The death of former President Jerry John Rawlings on November 12, 2020, not only brought an 'end' to one of Ghana's dominant political leaders and his era, but his death has also ignited debates on his political legacy. The name J.J. Rawlings often evokes different viewpoints among many people. For some, Rawlings was a transformational leader, who displayed pragmatism and strong leadership in rescuing Ghana from a near economic collapse in the 1980s. He has also been commended for his role in Ghana's transition to democratic rule in the early 1990s. To others, especially his critiques, Rawlings has also contributed to the unwarranted disruption of Ghana's democratic pathway, especially his 1981 coup d'état. His authoritarian style and human rights issues during the regime of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) and the era of the Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC) are part of his shortcomings.....

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