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Cubans: An Epic Journey, The Struggle Of Exiles For Truth And Freedom



Synopsis

In October 1965, President Lyndon Johnson stated that the spirit of America held tradition as an asylum for the oppressed, and he pledged 'to the people of Cuba that those who seek refuge here will find it'. And they did. Even before the president's speech, thousands of Cubans had been flooding the shores of America and other countries, with the Freedom Tower in Miami becoming refugees' sentinel of liberty. Their experience over the last sixty years is captured in *Cubans: An Epic Journey*, a collection of more than thirty essays by renowned scholars, historians, journalists, and media professionals. Contributors like magazine publisher Sam Verdeja, print and broadcast journalist Guillermo Martinez, newspaper editor Howard Kleinberg, business executive Louise O'Brien, university professor Leonardo Rodriguez, and broadcast commentator Francisco Rodriguez cover myriad topics, from the fight against a totalitarian regime, to myths about the accomplishments of the Cuban Revolution, to the personal stories of Cubans who have made significant contributions to American society. The essays in *Cubans* explore different topics but share a similar endeavor to reveal the complex interrelationships among the Cuban people, their homeland, the exile community, and American government and society. The Cuban experience in America and other countries has proven disappointing and remarkable; disappointing because a homeland was lost and attempts to retrieve it turned into a nightmare, remarkable because refugees settled in their new countries and soon flourished, particularly in the United States, in many aspects of society.

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Cubans:An Epic Journey The Struggle of Exiles for Truth and Freedom is an Epic Journal,an Exhaustive approach and Who's who of Cubans,Cuban-Americans in the Exile community. Some Famous,Some unknown or not as known,Essays by Various Contributors including my Friend the Late Professor Juan "Johnny" Clark(May he rest in Peace.)Who himself at the time of his Death was in the middle of an 2nd Edition and In English of his Phenomenal Book Cuba Mito Y Realidad(Myth and Reality).This book covers the Many Contributions of Not only Cuban Exiles and Cuban-Americans in Miami But also The Rest of The United States and The World.Success Stories whether Bankers,Attorneys,Salesmen and Ceos and Some who were even in Charge of Companies such as Coca-Cola And Pepsi-Cola just to name an few.Artists,Tradesmen,Actors,and much more.People who had Nothing in Cuba or Had something and then back to nothing.(My Family didn't have much in Cuba and still doesn't but Grandfather had to clean Hotels in Miami Beach in the 60s and Like every Cuban No Matter Class,Color or Religion wanted Freedom for His Children.)Over 700+Pages,Covering each decade,Pedro Pan,The Freedom Flights(My Family),Mariel(my other Half) and Subsequent generations.Also,The Racism encountered by Other "Hispanic" or so-called Latins Who were Non-Cuban against Cubans.(signs that Read No Cubans,Jewish,Etcera.)There is simply too much in this book to cover in an Review on it would take up too much space and take awhile just to detail without giving it away.The Book was Well worth my Money and Even though I am biased due to it being an Subject dear to me I would recommend to Cuban or Cuban Descent or Half-Cuban or even-Non Cubans. You Cannot Ignore The Success and Quick Assimilation that Cubans in Such little time have accomplished despite the circumstances and Despite not Being the Largest of The Hispanic(So-called) Groups in

America.(Mexican/Puerto Rican)I enjoyed reading it very much and I might not agree At all with some in the book but I believe it's presented in an Great Way.An Must to add to any Cuban Literary Collection.

A book well written, well organized providing real information of what Cuba was and what we, as exiles had to go through to survive, and move ahead in a new environment, and thanks to the "Marvels" of communist paradise.

This book tells the Cuban story in an easy writing format.I have learned so much about Cuban history and culture through its writings.

What I like about this book is how it's made up of numerous chapters by different people all with excellent research. The footnotes are all very detailed and it all shows thorough review of all the steps of the revolution and it's after effects.

Great price for this book. Nothing better than the library OR to get the books you want for less. This book has been passed around for many months now and many have enjoyed it!

OK, This book it is amazing. They will give more light the reality of the American dream. If you can. God Bless America.

Higly recommend this key chain, best ever I have own, will also make a great upscale gift for someone!!!!

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