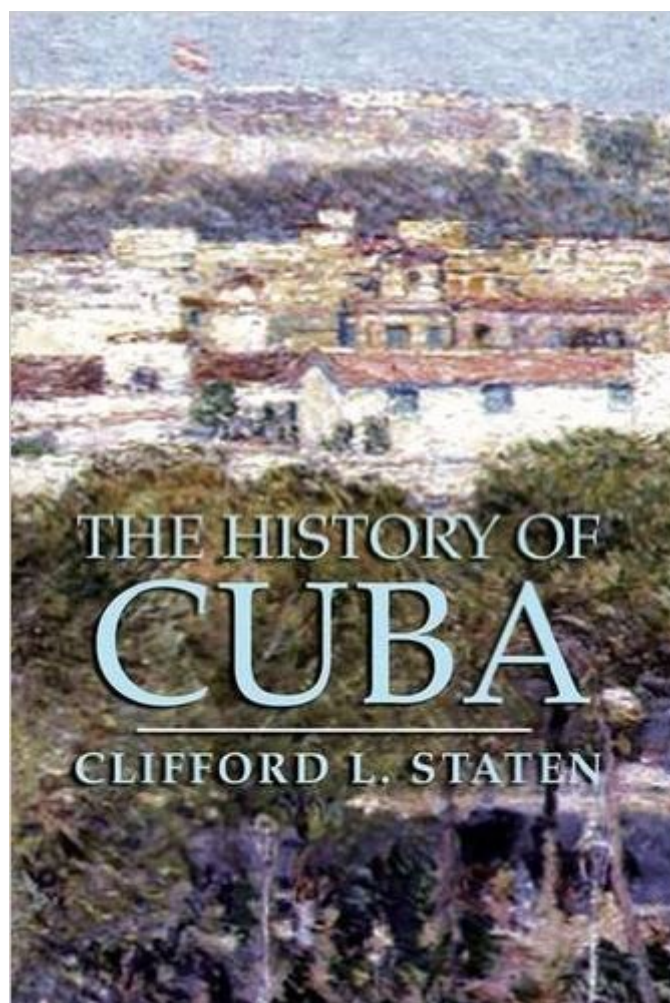


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I walked into this book knowing virtually nothing about Cuba, and this book did an excellent job of providing a short overview of modern Cuba. The history begins with the war for independence from Spain, and proceeds through all of the revolutionary movements, through to Castro's takeover, the Soviet relationship with Cuba, and Castro's changing policies. I found it very enlightening, a quick read, and well worth an afternoon! I would have given it a higher rating if it had more unique information, but it keeps the readers interest, and gives a reasonable overview of the politics and economics of the country.

I am a Cuban American who came to the US in 1962 at a very young age, and with little knowledge about the history of my native country. I found this book very interesting and educating. I also found it sad.

I liked the organization of the history starting at precolumbian time until the early millennium. I would love to read an updated version with information on Cuba from that time until now.

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Good background review of Cuban history, though a little too heavy on micro-details. Still, very useful introduction in preparation for further study.

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