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Historic Photos Of Cuban Miami



Synopsis

Since 1959, when Cuba was overrun by Marxist revolutionary Fidel Castro after a long guerrilla war, Cubans have come to America in waves through the auspices of the United States and its open-door policies on immigration and asylum. Destination of choice? Miami, Florida, today home to hundreds of thousands of Cuban refugees granted political asylum in the United States and to the Americans of Cuban descent welcoming them ashore. In *Historic Photos of Cuban Miami*, Miamian Jennifer Ortiz looks back at the origins, hardships, unique ethnicity, and progress of the Cuban-American community which today so widely shapes this American metropolis. Nearly 200 photographs reproduced in vivid black-and-white, captioned and with introductions, tell the story of this chapter in recent American history so influential for Miami and the Cuban exiles and Cuban-Americans who call Miami home.

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This book is a must own by Cuban-Americans and American-Cubans alike. The book shows what the Cubans brought to a city to make it more vibrant through their music, food, art and work ethics.

Jennifer Ortiz seems like a beautiful and intelligent person and I applaud her for this effort as a fellow Cuban-American. The book is a photographic capsule in time, the book is black and white. However, it seems she may be part of my generation (the bad part-liberal), because she slams a fellow exile in one of the pages and labels him a criminal in the photo caption. She probably is

depending on her sources(Miami Herald,New York Times or Tass to Cubans) . Apparently the word freedom fighter never appeared in her lexicon. Maybe we will have a Cuban Miami Book that is completely Apolitical and not full of the same biased views I certainly hope so. The book captures the Best Generation (1960's one half of my parents the other being El Mariel)before post-1980 refs came here and gave Cubans a bad name with their vulgarity and indifference to communism only to send back to a murderous regime money. I count myself lucky for not buying the hype of my generation and I applaud TRUE exiles who have fought for freedom.

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