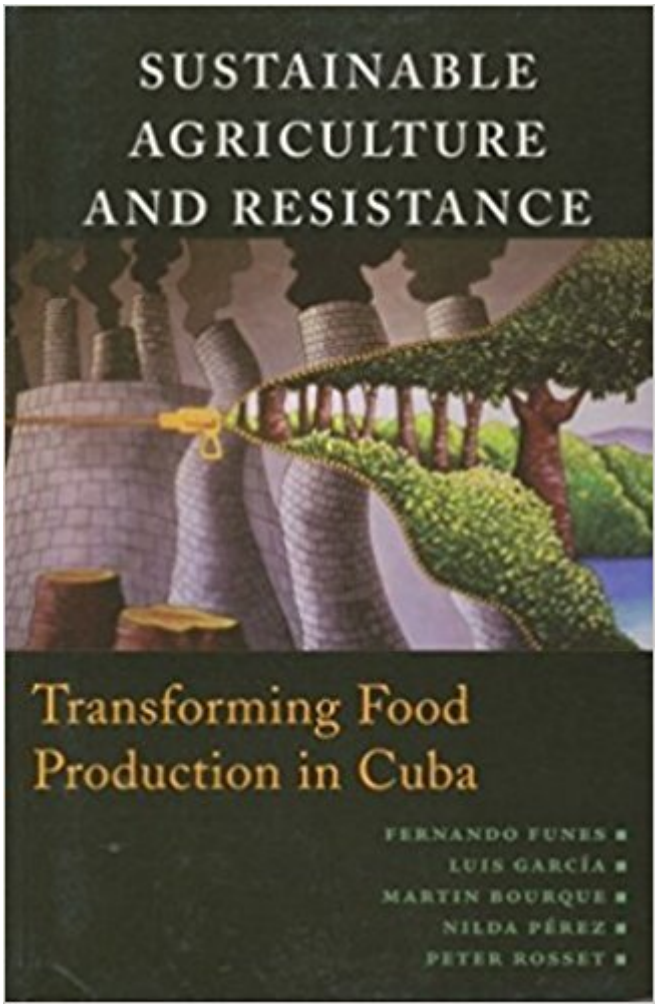
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Synopsis

This is a story of resistance against all odds, of CubaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s remarkable recovery from a food crisis brought on by the collapse of trade relations with the former Socialist Bloc and the tightening of the US trade embargo. Unable to import either food or materials needed for conventional agriculture, Cuba turned inward to self-reliance. Sustainable agriculture, organic farming, urban gardens, smaller farms, animal traction, and biological pest control are all part of the new Cuban agriculture. In this book, Cuban authors offer details of these remarkable achievements to serve as guideposts toward healthier, more environmentally friendly and self-reliant farming.CubaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s remarkable recovery from a food crisis brought on by the collapse of trade relations with the former Socialist Bloc and the tightening of the US trade embargo came about by the use of sustainable agriculture, organic farming, urban gardens, smaller farms, animal traction, and biological pest control. In Sustainable Agriculture and Resistance: Transforming Food Production in Cuba, Cuban authors offer detailsÃ¢â ¬â ¢for the first time in EnglishÃ¢â ¬â ¢of these remarkable achievements, to serve as guideposts toward healthier, more environmentally friendly and self-reliant farming.Sustainable Agriculture and Resistance: Transforming Food Production in Cuba is the story of CubaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s achievements in the use sustainable agriculture, organic farming, urban gardens, smaller farms, animal traction, and biological pest control to feed the country.

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development we must first look at the richness of detail in this volume. Then we have to step back and squint to capture the truly novel pathway of development that Cuba is pioneering. And then once again we have to focus in on the details, and glimpse the processes through which Cuba is creating something truly new and hopeful for all of humanity. Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢from the epilogue by Professor Richard Levins, Harvard University School of Public HealthÃ¢â ¬Å“The Cuban experience has demonstrated that the adoption of agroecological methods can bring about productive and economic benefits in a socially equitable manner. The advances achieved by CubaÃ¢â ¬Â¦offer a valuable set of lessons for the millions of people throughout the world who are committed to a truly sustainable agriculture.Ã¢â ¬Â•om the prologue by Professor Miguel Altieri, Environmental Studies, University of California at Berkeley

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Without the principles of permaculture, the Cuban people would have endured additional suffering. Upheaval is prevalent worldwide. Learning coping strategies is prudent.

As a practitioner of sustainable agriculture and organic farming (I am a farmer, teacher and researcher) I found this story of how Cuba used organic farming to beat all odds and overcome a food crisis to be awe inspiring. Every professor, teacher, researcher, analyst, student, thinking farmer and advocate of sustainable agriculture MUST read this book. It will restore your hope. So should everyone interested in Cuba, Latin America, and Third World development. I loved to read it in the cuban’s own, well-translated words.

I love the way this book analyzes and breaks down exactly what Cuba did and how it implemented sustainable agriculture throughout the island. Very readable, and the topic can’t be beat.

Cuba has done an amazing job of switching over to organic, local food production. They did so to survive the assinine embargo of thier island, but in doing so they have shown the way for all of us to move to a sane mode of food production. You would want this book to be a delightful description of that process. You would be wrong. It is a leaden, tedious exercise in socialist writing with all the wit and charm of a phone book. Skip the book and just go to Cuba and see the results for yourself. Then come home and plant a garden.

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