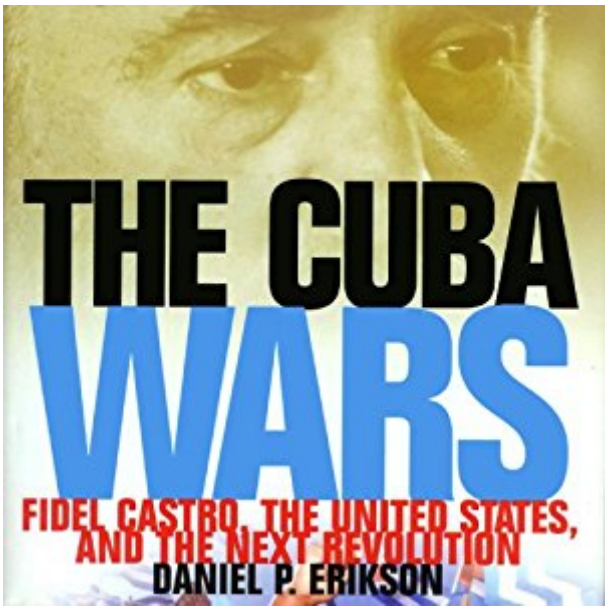
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Synopsis

There are few international relationships as intimate, as passionate - and as dysfunctional - as that of the United States and Cuba. In The Cuba Wars, Cuba expert Daniel Erikson draws on extensive visits and conversations with both Cuban government officials and opposition leaders - plus key players in Washington and Florida - to offer an unmatched portrait of a small country with outsized importance to Americans and American policy.

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A very good overview of how Cuba and the U.S. have interacted with one another to the advantages and detriments of each. Castro is shown fairly with his warts and good points. It is made especially clear that Castro has used the enmity of the U.S. to his great advantage in holding on to power in Cuba. American policy was intended to remove him from power, and this being the case has failed. The U.S. embargo helped Castro to retain his power, while doing little good for either nation. All in all, I found the book very informative and a good read.

The Cuba Wars by Fan Erickson is the most informative, detailed account of the US - Cuba relationship I have seen. It is a fair presentation of the multiple sides in the issue and is done with a refreshing level of objectivity. I recommend it to all who want to learn more about this problem so we can all assist in its resolution.

I just re-read this book in light of recent developments in Cuba-US policy. A prescient book and

great read nearly ten years after it was written.

This great book is refreshing and rare in a number of ways. Unlike so many commentators on the subject of Cuba and Cuba-U.S relations, Erikson not only avoids the traps many others have fallen prey to--blindly supporting the obviously and absurdly unsuccessful U.S. embargo or fawning over a dictator who hardly deserves praise--he soberly uncovers the failings and occasional achievements on both sides of the Florida Straits. Erikson accomplishes this in a way that proves to be immensely compelling: through interviews with key actors--many of them not only very informative but also surprisingly entertaining--on virtually all sides of the issues. Many of those interviewed by Erikson--whether U.S. or Venezuelan generals or Cuban dissidents in Cuba--were shockingly upfront and unguarded with him. Nonfiction is rarely this much fun. You might even laugh out loud on occasion. Indeed, even readers without a strong interest in Cuba may have difficulty putting this book down once commenced. That said, this is an important and serious book that students of U.S. foreign policy and Cuba cannot afford to miss. It should be required reading for the incoming administration in Washington and perhaps even more so for the outgoing administration. Beyond that Erikson is clearly a writer of great talent and one can only hope we see more from him in the years to come.

Lots of facts and very objective. The history is long and difficult. I recommend this to everyone. Cuba is in our hemisphere, and it is a very special case.

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well written but needs more explanation about how all this originated and how corrupt and brutal the Batista regime was...

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