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Review

...give(s) a vivid impression of the Cubans and their environment...There are some fine images and portraits here, which the essays support very well. -- British Bulletin of Latin America, April 2003. From the Inside Flap

Large format photographs help define Cuba as seen through this photographer's lens over a four-year period. Eloquent essays accompany the images. About the Author

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