

Who Was Fidel Castro?

Describes how the policies of dictator Fidel Castro has affected the economy, social conditions, and international influence of Cuba.

Economic and social progress is not only possible without the dog-eat-dog competition of capitalism, but socialism remains the only way forward for humanity. He describes the decisive place of Cuban volunteer combatants in the final stage of the struggle in Angola against the invasion forces of the South African apartheid regime. Introduction by Mary-Alice Waters, photos, map, notes, index.

'You cannot kill ideas. Fidel, for the Third World, was not merely another leader. He was the mirror of its aspirations. That mirror will never be shattered.' - From the Introduction
Fidel Castro's speeches were classrooms for the revolution. Through these speeches, Fidel came before the people to explain the conjuncture and problems the government faced with honesty and by putting them into historical context. Each of his speeches is a tour de force of explication, a history lesson, a sociology lesson, a political lesson, and even a lesson on literature. Fidel reached back to revolutionaries from an earlier time and dug into the data produced by the government. The traditions, experiences,

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and oral histories of national liberation and Marxism-Leninism articulated by Fidel came alive as he spoke to new audiences engaged in building a socialist experiment just miles away from the heart of the empire. Fidel Castro launched a battle of ideas in defense of socialist thought and the permanent mobilization of the people's consciousness. The speeches collected in this book carry forward the battle of ideas that framed the last decades of Fidel's life until he left us on 26 November 2016 at the age of ninety.

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A Spoken Autobiography

Forty Years of the Cuban Revolution

Nothing Can Stop the Course of History

Selected Speeches of Fidel Castro

Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution

Dr. Jeffrey M. Elliot and former Rep. Mervyn M. Dymally here contribute a lengthy, revealing interview with Cuban President Fidel Castro, discussing a wide-ranging series of topics dealing with local and international politics and economics, as well as the future of Cuba, the third world, Central and South America, and the United States.

A biography of the president of Cuba, Fidel Castro, discussing his childhood, family, revolutionary activities, and role as leader of his country since 1959.

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In response to the American administration's attempt to isolate Cuba, Fidel Castro delivered a series of speeches designed to radicalize Latin American society. As Latin America experiences more revolutions in Venezuela and Bolivia, and continues to upset America's plans for neo-liberal imperialism, renowned radical writer and activist Tariq Ali provides a searing analysis of the relevance of Castro's message for today.

A political biography of the Cuban revolutionary by a journalist who first interviewed him in the Sierra Maestra mountains in 1957 when the Cuban government and the world press believed him to be dead.

Life as Fidel Castro

Fidel Castro Speaks with the People of Cuba

A Biography

A Portrait of Castro and Cuba

Cuban President & Revolutionary

This title examines the remarkable life of Fidel Castro. Readers will learn about his family background, childhood, education, and political pursuits. Color photos, detailed maps, and informative sidebars accompany easy-to-read, compelling text. Features include a timeline, facts, additional resources, web sites, a glossary, a bibliography, and an index. Essential Lives is a series in Essential Library, an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company. Grades 6-9.

Summer 1958, 300 revolutionaries led by a 30-year-old Fidel Castro turned the tide in Cuba by

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defeating 12,000 soldiers in combat. *I Am Cuba* is a historically accurate novel of society, politics, war, and love in Cuba in the 1950s.

'As exciting and readable as a Cold War thriller' *The Times* 'Brings back the danger and intense emotions of that revolutionary period...it reads like adventure fiction' *Independent* The story of the remarkable and revolutionary friendship between two of the most iconic figures in twentieth century history - Fidel Castro and Ernesto 'Che' Guevara. Not yet thirty, Fidel Castro and Ernesto Guevara met in 1955 while both in exile in Mexico City. Guevara, the Argentine doctor plagued by asthma, had reached the end of the travels he began by motorcycle several years before. Fidel Castro, peasant's son, scholar and rebel, had just fled Cuba, fearing for his life. Over the next twelve years, until Guevara's death in 1967, their journey together would take them from the safe houses of Mexico's political underground, to war in the Cuban mountains and ultimately into the heart of the Cold War. Drawing on extensive research, including declassified material and interviews with key figures in Havana, Moscow and Washington, Simon Reid-Henry uncovers, for the first time, the full story behind the central relationship of the Cuban revolution: their shared revolutionary ambitions, their conflicting personalities, the wilfulness that bound them together and the pressures that would tear them apart. Fidel and Che is the story of two men who shared a common dream; who became friends, comrades and brothers-in-arms; and who, finally, would make an epic choice between their friendship and their beliefs.

Perhaps the foremost social analyst and journalist on Cuban affairs, Carlos Alberto Montaner

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has written a definitive study of the Cuban regime from the vantage point of the Cuban dictator. This is not simply a history of Cuban communism but rather a personal history of its leader, Fidel Castro. Montaner's extraordinary knowledge of the country and its politics prevents the work from becoming a psychiatric examination from afar. Indeed, what personal irrationalities exist are seen as built into the fabric of the regime itself, and not simply as a personality aberration. Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution is not an apologia for past United States involvement in Cuban affairs. The author is severe in his judgments of such participation. Nor is he sparing in his sense of the betrayal of the original purposes of the Revolution of 1959 manifested in the character and policies of Fidel Castro. As the work progresses from a study of the victims to a study of the beneficiaries of the Cuban Revolution, it leaves the reader with a deep sense of the tragedy of a revolution betrayed, but not one that could have easily been avoided. Montaner is an "exile" like the great Alexander Herzen before him. His decision to live in Europe was made by choice, not of necessity. He sees his role as critical analyst, not as restoring the status quo ante. A most valuable aspect of this book is its intimate reevaluation of Fulgencio Batista. Whatever the reader's judgment of Montaner's work, no one can read it and be dismissive of the effort. It is a work of intimacy even though written in exile--and hence must be viewed as an important effort to understand the character of the man and regime who have changed the course of Cuban history in our times. Carlos Alberto Montaner is director of FIRMAS, a news agency and journalistic bureau located in Madrid, Spain, which services the entire Spanish-speaking world. He is author of *Cuba, Castro and the Caribbean*; *Secret Report*

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on the Cuban Revolution (both published by Transaction); Two Hundred Years of Gringos; and a series of novels and short stories published in Spanish, including Dog's World; Witches' Poker; Snapshots on the Edge of the Abyss, and Literature Considered as a Form of Hives.

The Secret Fidel Castro

My Life

Deconstructing the Symbol

Age, Position, Character, Destiny, Personality, and Ambition

Fidel Castro's Cuba

There are few living international figures who fascinate the world more than Fidel Castro. He is at once an infamous historical figure, a modern-day politician and one of the last of his kind. From the leader of a revolution to one who has been accused of dictatorship, exploiting the power of his position to become one of the wealthiest leaders in the world, Fidel Castro's life away from the public eye has remained largely unscrutinised. Despite the world's longstanding desire to know more, biographers have thus far barely scratched the surface of Castro's life and reign. No one with any real knowledge or intimacy of Castro has ever been able to come forward to tell their story - partly because so few people can claim that distinction, and partly because the few who can would never make it out of Cuba. At long last, though, at the end of Castro's life, someone has. Juan

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Sanchez, former personal chaperone to Castro and, later, fugitive from the vindictive regime, offers a shocking exposure of the man to whom he was devoted for seventeen years - a man whose secret life is entirely different from the facade he presents to the people of Cuba. Early in Ann Louise Bardach's Cuban voyage she came across *Cartas de Presidio* or *The Prison Letters of Fidel Castro*. Edited by Luis Conte Aguero, who was the recipient of most of these letters, they are cited in every important work from Hugh Thomas' opus *Cuba* to Tad Szulc's *Fidel* biography, and everything in between and since. These twenty-one letters (nine to Conte Aguero, six to his late sister and close collaborator, Lidia, one to his wife Mirta, one to his comrade in combat, Melba Hernandez letters, one to the great scholar Jorge Manach) are regarded as the single most valuable and revelatory document regarding Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution. Never before published in English, these letters were written when Castro was imprisoned for his failed attack on the Moncada from 1953 to 1955 and reveal a man of spectacular ambition and steely determination. A man, who despite being incarcerated to serve a lengthy prison term, never wavers in his confidence that he will one day rule Cuba.

Fidel Castro was a Cuban politician and revolutionary who governed the Republic of Cuba for 47 years as Prime Minister from 1959 to 1976 and then as President from 1976 to 2006. Politically a Marxist-Leninist

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and Cuban nationalist, he also served as the First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba from 1961 until 2011. Under his administration, Cuba became a one-party socialist state; industry and business were nationalized, and state socialist reforms were implemented throughout society. Born in Birn, Oriente as the son of a nouveau riche sugarcane farm owner originally from Galicia, Spain, Castro adopted leftist anti-imperialist politics while studying law at the University of Havana. After participating in rebellions against right-wing governments in the Dominican Republic and Colombia, he planned the overthrow of Cuban President Fulgencio Batista, launching a failed attack on the Moncada Barracks in 1953. After a year's imprisonment, he traveled to Mexico where he formed a revolutionary group, the 26th of July Movement, with his brother Ral Castro and Che Guevara. Returning to Cuba, Castro took a key role in the Cuban Revolution by leading the Movement in a guerrilla war against Batista's forces from the Sierra Maestra. After Batista's overthrow in 1959, Castro assumed military and political power as Cuba's Prime Minister. The United States opposed Castro's government, and unsuccessfully attempted to remove him by assassination, economic blockade, and counter-revolution, including the Bay of Pigs Invasion of 1961. Countering these threats, Castro formed an alliance with the Soviet Union. In response to U.S. nuclear missiles in Turkey, and

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perceived U.S. threats against Cuba, Castro allowed the Soviets to place nuclear weapons on Cuba, sparking the Cuban Missile Crisis—a defining incident of the Cold War—in 1962. Adopting a Marxist-Leninist ideology, Castro converted Cuba into a pro-Soviet, one-party, socialist state under Communist Party rule, the first and only in the Western Hemisphere. Policies introducing central economic planning and expanding healthcare and education were accompanied by state control of the press and the suppression of internal dissent. Abroad, Castro supported anti-imperialist revolutionary groups, backing the establishment of Marxist governments in Chile, Nicaragua, and Grenada, and sending troops to aid allies in the Yom Kippur War, Ogaden War, and Angolan Civil War. These actions, coupled with Castro's leadership of the Non-Aligned Movement from 1979 to 1983 and Cuba's medical internationalism, increased Cuba's profile on the world stage. Following the Soviet Union's dissolution in 1991, Castro led Cuba into its "Special Period" and embraced environmentalist and anti-globalization ideas. In the 2000s he forged alliances in the Latin American "pink tide"—namely with Hugo Chavez's Venezuela—and signed Cuba to the Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas. In 2006 he transferred his responsibilities to Vice-President Ral Castro, who formally assumed the presidency in 2008. Castro is a controversial and divisive world figure. He is decorated with various international

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awards, and his supporters laud him as a champion of socialism and anti-imperialism whose revolutionary regime secured Cuba's independence from American imperialism. Conversely, critics view him as a dictator whose administration oversaw human-rights abuses, the exodus of a large number of Cubans, and the impoverishment of the country's economy. Through his actions and his writings he has significantly influenced the politics of various individuals and groups across the world.

Fidel Castro is something of an enigma. For 50 years he has defied all America's attempts to topple him and Cuba's government. He continues to occupy a special place in Cuba's collective consciousness and over his unique version of a socialist society in Latin America - but what shaped him into the person he is today? The saying goes 'to understand the man, you must first understand the child', and no other book has concentrated exclusively on Fidel Castro's childhood and on his formative experiences. *Fidel Castro's Childhood - The Untold Story* examines those crucial early years that, together with external circumstances and family relationships, made Castro the man he is. Steven Walker has used all the available evidence, including the testimony of close friends, to assemble the facts to analyse, interpret and draw conclusions using his extensive knowledge of politics, psychotherapy and child development. Fidel Castro's

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Childhood - The Untold Story offers an opportunity to gain new insight into the life of Castro. Love or loathe him, you cannot ignore him. Castro is one of the iconic political figures of the 20th century and a towering character in the pantheon of revolutionary leaders, Fidel Castro's Childhood - The Untold Story throws light into the dark corners and shadowy recesses of the early life of this exceptional, enigmatic character. Che Guevara might receive more international attention in the story of Cuba's history, but it is Castro who has remained enticingly enigmatic - until now.

The Hidden World of Cuba's Greatest Leader

I Am Cuba

Young Castro

Fidel Castro: Cuban President & Revolutionary

Fidel Castro was born on 13th August 1926 near Biran in the south eastern Oriente Province of Cuba. His father Angel Castro Y Argiz was a wealthy sugarcane planter and migrates to Cuba from Galicia, Northwest Spain. At 17 years age, Fidel was formally accepted by his father and his name was changed from Ruz to Castro. At 6 years age, Castro went to live with his teacher in Santiago de Cuba. He then went to the privately

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funded, Jesuit-run Dolores School in Santiago. Although he disliked the strict discipline in the school, Fidel soon proved that he was very smart and intelligent. For more interesting facts you must read his biography. Grab Your biography book now! - Absorbing accounts of the leaders whose ideas and actions have changed the course of history - Examines each person's life in the context of the politics of the time - Full-color photographs enhance each book

This intimate, revisionist portrait of Fidel Castro, showing how an unlikely young Cuban led his country in revolution and transfixed the world, is "sure to become the standard on Castro's early life" (Publishers Weekly). Until now, biographers have treated Castro's life like prosecutors, scouring his past for evidence to convict a person they don't like or don't understand. Young Castro challenges us to put aside the caricature of a bearded, cigar-munching, anti-American hothead to discover how Castro became the dictator who acted as a thorn in the side of US presidents for nearly half a century. In this "gripping and edifying narrative...Hansen brings imposing research and notable erudition" (Booklist) to Castro's early life,

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showing Castro getting his toughness from a father who survived Spain's class system and colonial wars to become one of the most successful independent plantation owners in Cuba. We see a boy running around that plantation more comfortable playing with the children of his father's laborers than his own classmates at elite boarding schools in Santiago de Cuba and Havana. We discover a young man who writes flowery love letters from prison and contemplates the meaning of life, a gregarious soul attentive to the needs of strangers but often indifferent to the needs of his own family. These pages show a liberal democrat who admires FDR's New Deal policies and is skeptical of communism, but is also hostile to American imperialism. They show an audacious militant who stages a reckless attack on a military barracks but is canny about building an army of resisters. In short, Young Castro reveals a complex man. The first American historian in a generation to gain access to the Castro archives in Havana, Jonathan Hansen was able to secure cooperation from Castro's family and closest confidants. He gained access to hundreds of never-before-seen letters and interviewed people he was the first to ask for their impressions of the man. The

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result is a nuanced and penetrating portrait of a man at once brilliant, arrogant, bold, vulnerable, and all too human: a man who, having grown up on an island that felt like a colonial cage, was compelled to lead his country to independence.

FIDEL CASTRO August 13, 1926 - November 26, 2016. "A revolution is a struggle between the future and the past." --Fidel Castro From revolutionary and symbol of strength to Cold War adversary, Fidel Castro was one of the world's most controversial leaders, and perhaps its most enduring. As Cuba's towering and charismatic president for nearly fifty years, Castro's influential leadership captivated allies and enemies alike. By virtue of passionate oration and committed sense of purpose—good or bad—Castro kept the Cuban people devoted and the world enthralled. From his earliest years as a student rebel to his role in Cuba's social reform to The Cuban Missile Crisis, his life is covered in extensive detail within this book. The transfer of power to Raul Castro is explored as well as the changes to Cuban/American diplomatic relations, including Obama's view of America's relationship with Cuba. Castro's death is covered as well as the world's the reaction to it, including

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the views of American and Cuban people and the differing reactions of Obama and Trump. A comprehensive look into each stage of Castro's life and leadership More than a dozen color photos spanning the Cuban leader's life Comes complete with Castro's most resonating speeches Fidel Castro: In His Own Words is not only a reflection of Castro's life, triumphs, and misdeeds, but it is a look at the people and places affected by his politics before, during, and after the age of Cuban embargo. Regardless of readers' political preference, there is no doubt that this captivating leader's influence on the Cuban people, The United States, and the world will continue to echo through time.

Four Speeches on the 30th Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution

The Declarations of Havana

The Making of a Revolutionary

In Defense of Socialism

The Rise and Decline of Fidel Castro

Contains interviews of July and Oct., 1974, with Castro.

Cuban dictator Fidel Castro was born near Biran, Cuba, in 1926. Beginning in 1958 Castro and his forces began a campaign of guerrilla warfare which led to the overthrow of Cuban

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dictator Fulgencio Batista. Fidel Castro orchestrated the Cuban Revolution and was the head of Cuba's government until 2008. In failing health, Fidel Castro officially handed over power to his brother Raúl Castro in 2008, but still wielded some political influence in Cuba and abroad. Fidel Castro died on November 25, 2016 at the age of 90.

Describes the rise to power of the revolutionary leader opposed to the corruption and violence of the Batista regime, and the many strands of his more than thirty years of rule.

"Also: 'Cuba--twenty years of revolution' by Jack Barnes"--Cover.

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Cuban Revolutionary

An Unauthorized Biography

The Real Fidel Castro

Celebrity Biographies - The Amazing Life Of Fidel Castro - Famous People

Describes the life of the leader of Cuba, outlines the four stages of the Cuban Revolution, narrates his successes and failures, and includes a timeline extending from 1926 through 2002.

Takes up U.S.-Cuba relations, Cuba's role in the fight against apartheid rule in South Africa, the overthrow of the Grenada revolution, and the social consequences of the foreign debt in Latin America and the Caribbean.

From his current home in Madrid, Cuban-born writer and journalist Montaner attempts a total synthesis of the Cuban revolution, recounting the history, finding the roots and the causes that explain it, describing the psychological traits of the protagonists, and drawing a critical assessment. Among o

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He is the only world leader to have outlasted nine US presidents, has survived over 600 assassination attempts and remains one of the twentieth century's most controversial figures. Here Castro tells his story in full for the first time, speaking openly about everything from his parents and earliest influences to his imprisonment, guerrilla war and the Cuban revolution and on to the Bay of Pigs, the missile crisis and his relationship with Che Guevara. He also remembers the people he knew, from John F. Kennedy to Ernest Hemingway. Whatever your views on Castro are, this is an essential record of an incredible life and even more extraordinary times."

Fidel Castro

Fidel Castro Speaks

The Untold Story

Fidel By Fidel: An Interview With Dr. Fidel Castro Ruz

The Double Life of Fidel Castro

"Fidel's devotion to the word is almost magical."-Gabriel Garcia Marquez Here, at last, is a comprehensive selection of the speeches of one of the world's greatest Fidel Castro. This anthology presents the unfolding process of the Cuban Revolution from the euphoria of the early years through to the economic crisis that devastated the island following the collapse of the socialist bloc. The Fidel Castro Reader includes a chronology of the Cuban Revolution and an extensive glossary, making it an essential reference for scholars, researchers and general readers. Fidel Castro led the gue

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movement in Cuba that overthrew the Batista dictatorship in 1959. Since then, Cuban president has been the nemesis of ten U.S. administrations.

This book, ""Fidel Castro Negro Blood (Crusader for Human Dignity)"" tells the story of Fidel, a Civil Rights advocate who made it possible for people of all Nationalities not be brutalize and be respected by the authority and live without fear of Racial discrimination and feeling inferior because of the color of their skin. Fidel Castro, the illegitimate son of a successful Creole sugar Plantation owner, born in Cuba in 1926. He was a rebellious boy and at the age of thirteen helped organize a strike of sugar workers (mostly Black) on his father's Plantation. Both parents were illiterate but they were determined that their children should receive good education and Fidel was sent to a Jesuit Boarding School. Although he disliked the strict discipline of the School, Fidel soon

When Fidel Castro died on November 25, 2016, many people around the world responded with mixed emotions. Learn all about the man who shaped Cuba for more than half a decade. After overthrowing Fulgencia Batista in 1959, Fidel Castro became the leader of an island country only ninety miles away from Florida. While in power, Castro outlasted ten US presidents and turned the small nation into a one-party state with influence over the entire world. Called a leader by some and a dictator by others, Fidel Castro defined not one but several eras in world politics.

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Translation Of An Address By The Prime Minister Of Cuba, Dr. Fidel Castro, To The People Of Cuba At A Loyalty Rally, October 26, 1959.

Fidel and Che

With Fidel

Journey to the Heart of Cuba

Cartas Del Presidio

The Selling of Fidel Castro

The Secret Fidel Castro is neither a history of the Cuban revolution nor a biography of Fidel Castro. The book was written following what intelligence services call a CPP (short for Comprehensive Personality Profile), similar to the ones intelligence services keep on foreign leaders. It focuses on different aspects of Castro's actions and personality which, for some reasons, have been either ignored, misunderstood, or misrepresented. The main thesis of this book is that there are many different Castros. The most widely known is the symbolic, public one, as it has been portrayed in official Cuban propaganda, Castro-friendly biographies, and mainstream American media. But there are also many secret Castros, highly different from the public one. The Secret Fidel Castro focuses on little known aspects of Castro's personality, important in the better understanding of the man and his actions?what really makes him tick. Rhetoric during and after the Cold War years has painted starkly contrasting portraits of Cuba's Fidel Castro: an unblemished idealist on the one hand, a ruthless dictator on the other. This insightful book, the most intimate and dispassionate biography of the revolutionary leader to

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date, shows that neither assessment is true. Leycester Coltman, British ambassador to Cuba in the early 1990s, came as close to personal friendship with Castro as any foreigner was permitted. With frequent contact and regular conversations, Coltman was in a unique position to observe the dictator's personality in both public and private situations. Here he presents a close-up view of the man who for half a century has been loved, admired, feared, and hated, but seldom really understood. Coltman chronicles the events of the Cuban leader's extraordinary life from the political activism of his university days in Havana to periods of exile, imprisonment, and guerilla warfare alongside Che Guevara, to the uncertainties of his old age. Drawing on personal observation and archival sources in Cuba and abroad, Coltman explores the contradiction between the private character and the public reputation, and highlights the complexities of the consummate actor who continues to play a crucial role on the international stage.

Fidel Castro is one of the most interesting and controversial personalities of our time – he has become a myth and an icon. He was the first Cuban Caudillo – the man who freed his country from dependence on the USA and who led his people to rediscover their national identity and pride. Castro has outlived generations of American presidents and Soviet leaders. He has survived countless assassination attempts by the CIA, the Mafia, and Cubans living in exile. He has become one of the greatest politicians of the 20th Century. His biography, and the history of his country exemplify the tensions between East and West, North and South, rich and poor. As Castro's life draws to a close, the question as to what will become of Cuba is more important than ever. Will Castro open Cuba to economic reform and democratization, or stick to his old slogan

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socialism or death? In this remarkable, up-to-date reconstruction of Castro's life, Volker Skierka addresses these questions and provides an account of the economic, social, and political history of Cuba since Castro's childhood. He draws on a number of little-known sources, including material from the East German communist archives on Cuba, which were until recently inaccessible. This is an exciting, painstakingly researched, and authoritative account of the life of one of the most extraordinary political figures of our time.

Fidel Castro Reader

Fidel Castro and the Quest for a Revolutionary Culture in Cuba

The Revolutionary Friendship Between Fidel Castro and Che Guevara

The Media and the Cuban Revolution ; [presented as Part of a Conference Held on Nov. 16 - 17, 1984 in Washington, DC]

Fidel Castro Negro Blood