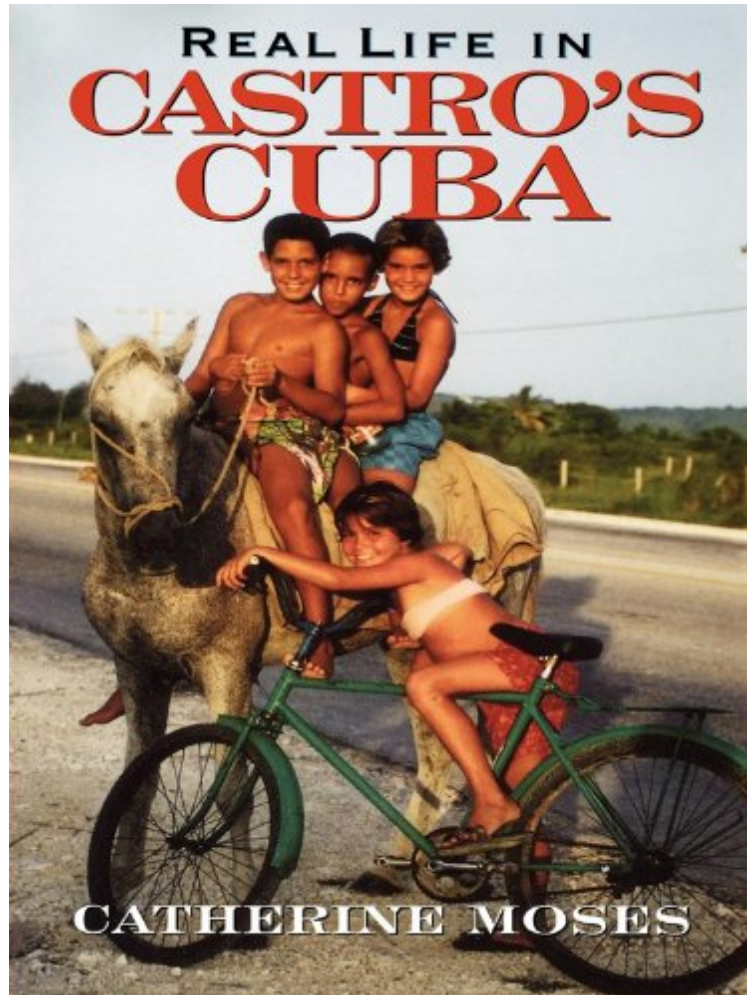


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. AN OPPORTUNITY MISSED von MICHAEL R JACKSON Following on an intensive two-week coach tour of Cuba, I was looking for a book to give me more information about the life of ordinary people than I had already obtained by taking every opportunity to leave my hotel and walk the streets. This need was not really met. There are certainly chapters in the early part of the book which give some insight into life in the home, the school, the hospital, the field, the factory the public square, and the ice cream park. But this goes no further than the intelligent tourist can observe, and in some areas not as far. However, the author does convey extremely well the resilience and good humour with

which Cubans bear their economic adversity, and the wit with which they joke about both their economic and political situation. Thus it is a pity that such a readable author did not devote more of the book to more depth about real life. One wonders whether the book was more of an afterthought back in the USA, rather than careful research in Cuba? In the first chapter is the statement 'the regime blames all of Cuba's economic ills on the embargo, even though most are the result of socialist mismanagement'. Similar judgements appear throughout the book without substantiation. There are so many political commentaries on Cuba, it is a pity that the temptation was not avoided on this occasion.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A well rounded look at CubaVon Ein KundeAll those whose interest in Cuba has been caught by the plight of little Elian Gonzales would do well to read Catherine Moses' evenhanded and compassionate take on Cuba. Ms. Moses, a diplomat assigned to the U.S. Interests Section in Havana for 20 months, writes with the painterly eye of a fiction writer yet also with the precision of a scholar, which she is. With no exploitative interests in Cuba, hers is a unique position from which to view this society. Her book is rich in details about the daily life and work of the people, the history of the revolution and the American relationship to Cuba in recent years. Those who need a refresher course on the Migration Accords or the Fifth Party Pelenum can learn the details here. What is most powerful about the book however, is not its delineation of politics and policy, but its deep appreciation of the spiritual vibrancy and love of life of the Cuban people. If you are interested in Cuba, I can't think of a better place to start.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Practical Approach to Understanding Cuba's Current StatusVon Ein KundeWhen I started reading this book, I could not put it down. This book is the most practical that I have read on understanding Cuba today. I am a graduate student planning to travel to Cuba this summer for research and every question and concern that came to my mind was answered in this book. It is very easy to read and I feel like I am well prepared for travel to Cuba. It is a must read for anyone planning to travel to Cuba. I will recommend it to anyone interested in the country. Great Book!

KurzbeschreibungThis new book provides a first-hand, grassroots look at life in Cuba, including very vivid descriptions of its people and places. Real Life in Castro's Cuba illuminates the human face of Cuba, which over the years has largely been hidden in the shadow of Fidel Castro. Real Life in Castro's Cuba is written by Catherine Moses, who lived and worked in Cuba as a press secretary and spokesperson for the United States from 1995 to 1996. This compelling, compassionate portrait contains personal observations about the Cubans' struggles, triumphs, hopes, and daily compromises to survive. The Cuban population lives with a deteriorating infrastructure, forcing many hardships on the people, including a scarcity of food, fuel, clothing, medicines, and other basic needs. The author's detailed cultural account of Cuba introduces the reader to everyday Cubans from party officials to dissidents to everyone in between. It shows how Cuba's socialist system works and gives reasons why Fidel Castro is still in power. Real Life in Castro's Cuba also describes the significant role of religion and spirituality in the life of Cubans. Although Moses expresses regret over the state of U.S.-Cuban relations, the purpose of the book is not to choose up sides. Instead, the book is designed simply to introduce readers to real life in Cuba. The book's unique approach allows an intimate picture of life in a faded Marxist regime. As the author writes, 'Cuba is a curious mixture of Spanish Caribbean, socialist ideals gone awry, memories of what was, and a desperate need to survive.' This fascinating new book will appeal to all readers who are interested in getting a closer look at what life is like in Cuba today.Pressestimmen"AN EXCELLENT, DETAILED ACCOUNT OF DAILY LIFE IN THE DETERIORATING COMMUNIST COUNTRY." "CATHERINE MOSES CLEARLY PUT HER TWO YEARS AS 'OUR WOMAN IN HAVANA' TO GOOD USE, DEVELOPING A SOLID UNDERSTANDING OF CUBA'S FADED DREAMS OF A SOCIALIST UTOPIA AND GATHERING WONDERFULLY HUMAN ANECDOTES ABOUT DAILY LIFE." "We readers are the beneficiaries of Moses's deep understanding of the Cuban people and the political, economic, and social transformation they are carrying out against the will of their government.--Richard A. Nuccio, President Clinton's special advisor for Cuba from 1995?1996Catherine Moses clearly put her two years as 'Our Woman in Havana' to good use, developing a solid understanding of Cuba's faded dreams of a socialist utopia and gathering wonderfully human anecdotes about daily life.--Juan O. Tamayo, Latin American correspondent, The Miami HeraldA heartfelt account of the daunting trials that confront the Cuban people, written with passion and affection.--Ann Louise Bardach, contributing editor, Vanity FairAn unusually insightful, and brutally candid book. Moses offers a rare behind-the-scenes look at a turning point in the history of Cuba. Her intellectual honesty, her engaging humor, and her deep love for Cuba and the Cubans ooze from every page. It is a bittersweet account that captures graphically the haunting surrealism of the Cuban existence.--Franklin W. Knight, Johns Hopkins UniversityBeautifully written, evocative and lyrical at the same time that it is chock full of information and local texture.--Stanley Fish, University of Illinois at ChicagoKurzbeschreibungThis new book provides a first-hand, grassroots look at life in Cuba, including very vivid descriptions of its people and places. Real Life in Castro's Cuba illuminates the human face of Cuba, which over the years has largely been hidden in the shadow of Fidel Castro. Real Life in Castro's Cuba is written by Catherine Moses, who lived and worked in Cuba as a press secretary and spokesperson for the United States from 1995 to 1996. This

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