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Review

Back From the Future is arguably the best sociological book on the origins and evolution of the Cuban revolutionary experiment. The book provides an invaluable guide, for expert and neophyte alike, of the complexities and paradoxes of this unique national phenomenon.

—**Alejandro Portes, co-author of *Legacies: The Story of the Immigrant Second Generation***

A decade after the Cold War's end, those who worship and loathe Fidel Castro are still debating the Cuban revolution's legacy. Eckstein side-steps this sterile debate and offers a superb historical and comparative evaluation. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to know where Cuba has come, and where it is going.

—**Robert A. Pastor, author of *Not Condemned to Repetition: The United States and Nicaragua***

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"A rich analysis of the Cuban revolution. Susan Eckstein's book is more balanced, integrated, and penetrating than many previous texts and has the potential of being the single best overall interpretation of the Cuban revolution. Eckstein delivers a comprehensive and insightful interpretation of Castro's Cuba."--**Andrew Zimbalist, Smith College**

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