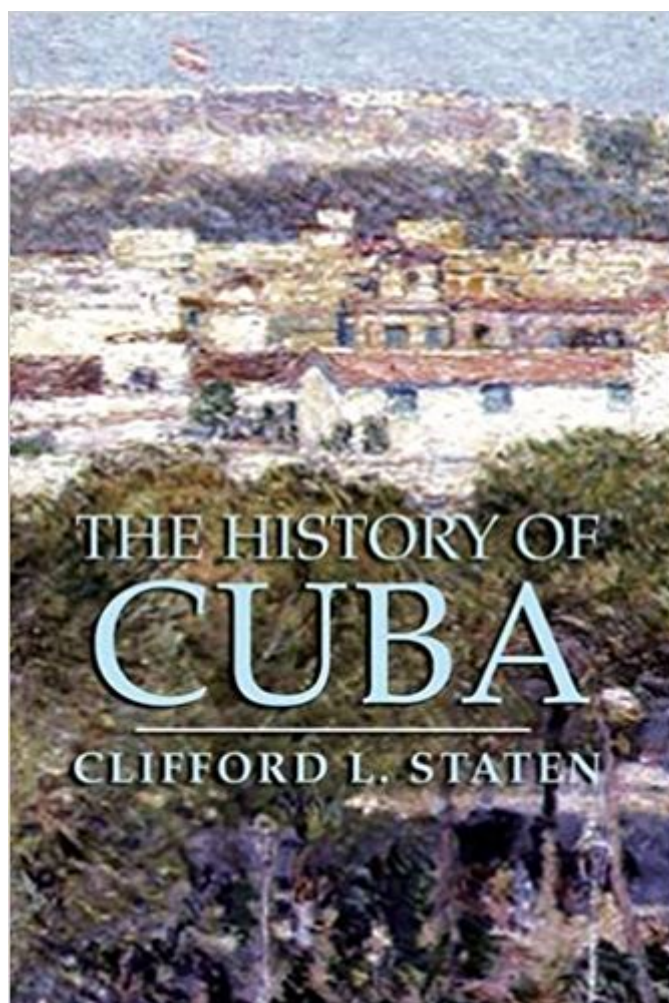


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Read this before heading to Cuba last year before it opened up to more tourists. It was helpful to review the past history, even though I had lived the revolution in the United States and remember it happening. I just didn't remember the sequence of events and this was a good review and background. I am sure more people will be going to Cuba now and this little primer is helpful to make what you see there mean more.

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