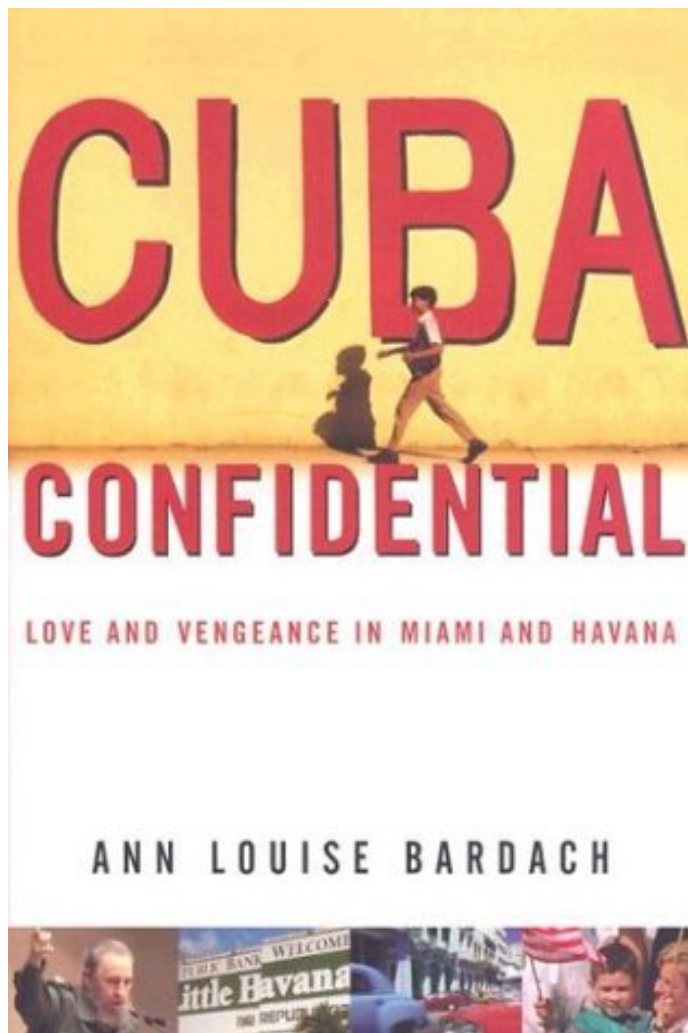


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**Ann Louise Bardach**

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## Description

From America's number one Cuba reporter, PEN award-winning investigative journalist Ann Louise Bardach, comes the big book on Cuba we've all been waiting for. An incisive and spirited portrait of the twentieth century's wildest political survivor and his fiefdom, "Cuba Confidential" is the gripping story of the shattered families and warring personalities that lie at the heart of the forty-three-year standoff between Miami and Havana.

Famous to many Americans for her cover stories and media appearances, Ann Louise Bardach has been covering Cuba for a decade. She's talked to the crooks, spooks and politicians who have made history, and to their hired assassins and confidants. Based on exclusive interviews with Fidel Castro, his sister Juanita, his former brother-in-law Rafael Diaz-Balart, the family of Elian Gonzalez, the friends and family of the legendary American fugitive Robert Vesco, the intrepid terrorist Luis Posada Carriles, and the inner circles of Jeb Bush and the late exile leader Jorge Mas Canosa, "Cuba Confidential" exposes the hardball take-no-prisoners tactics of the Cuban exile leadership, and its manipulation and exploitation by ten American presidents. Bardach homes in on Fidel Castro and his cronies, taking us closer than we've ever been--and on the militant exiles who have devoted their lives, with CIA connivance, to trying to eliminate him. From Calle Ocho to Juan Miguel Gonzalez's kitchen table in Cardenas, from Guantanamo Bay to Union City to Washington, D.C., Ann Louise Bardach serves up an unforgettable portrait of Cuba and its exiles.

## Insightful reviews

Lois Flaherty: This is a riveting and amazing expose of the Cuban exiles power and stranglehold on US relations with Cuba. It's a combination of a rigid ideology that has the flavor of a fanatical religious movement and gangsterism. There is some hope that as the older generation dies off things will improve.

Tony Hightower: Ann Louise Bardach has clearly done her homework. Every meaningful player in the history of Cuba in the last 40 years, from Fidel and Jorge Mas Canosa on down, is represented in this comprehensive tome. Certainly, she's written enough articles for Vanity Fair and other publications on the subject that it was well worth the extra effort to tie them together into a complete personal history of Cuban politics and society.

But a series of articles fleshed out is not a book, and there are times where she loses herself in little facts and extended unverifiable hearsay, and begins to lose the larger picture of how these people -- the power mongers, the mobsters, the exiles, the government operatives, the campesinos, the U.S. government representatives, the Central and South American businessmen -- all affected (or tried to affect) the fascinating history of Cuba.

She could have cut this book by one-third without losing any detail, and it would have added focus to a story that's only going to become more important as Cuba changes in the next decade or two. But don't let that discourage you from picking it up if your interested in modern Cuban history.

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Damien: a pop exploded all over this book in my bag the day i started reading it. so it has been put on the back burner.

Susan: A must-read exam of the Miami exile group and a few stable post-Revolution Cuban history. i assumed there has been whatever fairly deeply mistaken with Cuban exile politics in the course of the Elian Gonzalez debacle, etc., yet i did not recognize the 1/2 it. I learn this ebook in Cuba and Fidel's, scratch that, Raul's safeguard protect on the airport nearly did not allow me deliver it in till I defined that it used to be a "travel book."

Pearl: released in 2002, this booklet doesn't supply details at the contemporary advancements (thaw?) within the Cuba-U.S. relationship. If it have been to be republished, an epilogue via the writer will be very desirable. I stumbled on this e-book on an internet site i used to be taking a look at approximately go back and forth to Cuba. i have desired to commute to Cuba for an extended time; just recently has this been possible, even supposing nonetheless on a just a little constrained level. My charm to Cuba, by way of and large, used to be influenced by means of Hemingway, even supposing i've got lengthy considering the fact that fallen out of affection with Hemingway. yet that is one other story. This booklet isn't really approximately Hemingway's Cuba or in regards to the heritage of Cuba; now not even an excessive amount of concerning the revolution that introduced Castro to strength in Cuba. it truly is particularly a couple of family members feud. And, perhaps, there is not any feud so sour and see you later lasting and so unforgiving as a relations feud. And so it really is during this relatives feud. Divided and damaged families. Havana vs. Miami/Fidelistas vs. Cuban exiles and the imperative personalities and struggles on both sides of the family. Befittingly, the outlet and shutting chapters are in regards to the divided family members of Elian Gonzales - his fiercely anti-Castro family members in Miami vs. his father in Cuba. even though the tale of the tug-of-war among the Miami kinfolk and their supporters as opposed to Elian's father, Juan Miguel, and doubtless all of Cuba is especially familiar, Bardach's account basically information how little Elian grew to become the reason celebre for each side and the lengths to which each and every facet was once prepared to visit declare victory. by means of the time, Elian used to be back to his father and to Cuba, it used to be transparent not just that Cuba and Castro had scored a reasonably large victory yet that the Miami exiles had drastically over-played their hand. And that is form of the over-arching topic of this book. no longer that Castro will get a white wash. he is in for his justifiable share of criticism. yet that the Cuban exile neighborhood (or should still I say Mafia), out-of-control, has over-played its hand and is losing. even supposing Bardach doesn't make the comparison, it appeared to me after interpreting her booklet that, in percentage to their numbers, the Cuban exiles have exerted extra impact on Washington D.C. than has AIPAC (America's pro-Israel lobby) and that is going some! a lot of the booklet information the imperative energy avid gamers one of the Cuban American group in Miami-Dade County and their huge, immense impact and intimidation - over the judicial system, the press ("Miami Herald,") and native and nationwide politicians, to claim not anything of a few of the participants of the Bush family. it is an enlightening yet now not an edifying picture. Bardach's subtitle is "Love and Vengeance . . ." yet it really is often a narrative of vengeance. one other subtitle can be "Everything you may have regularly desired to find out about Cuba and Now understand Who to Ask"! At times, the aspect used to be exhausting, specifically in case you did not recognize the avid gamers within the exile community, and it used to be form of a slog to get notwithstanding these chapters; but, at different times, the tale was once riveting. Bardach is an

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award-winning journalist who has been defined as America's #1 Cuban reporter. She's interviewed virtually every person of any value in Little Havana and in Cuba, together with lengthy interviews with Castro himself. She asks the query all ask - what is going to take place whilst Fidel Castro dies. he is lasted for greater than part a century - longer than the other chief within the Western hemisphere, regardless of many makes an attempt on his life; yet he isn't immortal. Her tentative speculations in 2002 most likely aren't very correct now in 2014. We in simple terms understand that if reconciliation is available in the family, it's going to include the more recent generations.

Sheila Friedman: I will not say this wasn't super informative and very detailed. Bardach supplies a close learn of the Elian Gonzalez saga because it pertains to the politics as they happened in Havana and Miami through the time of Elian's 6 months within the States. I realized a lot... in truth I needed to take copious notes simply to stay alongside of the names and events. That said, i discovered the ebook a little bit disjointed and confusing. i ended studying it with a few difficulty, yet i used to be studying an excessive amount of to come it with out examining Bardach's ultimate tackle the Cuban situation. The ebook ended whereas Fidel was once nonetheless president and, as we now know, even if Raul took over, Fidel continues to be alive, kicking, and inflicting plenty of hassle for all!

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