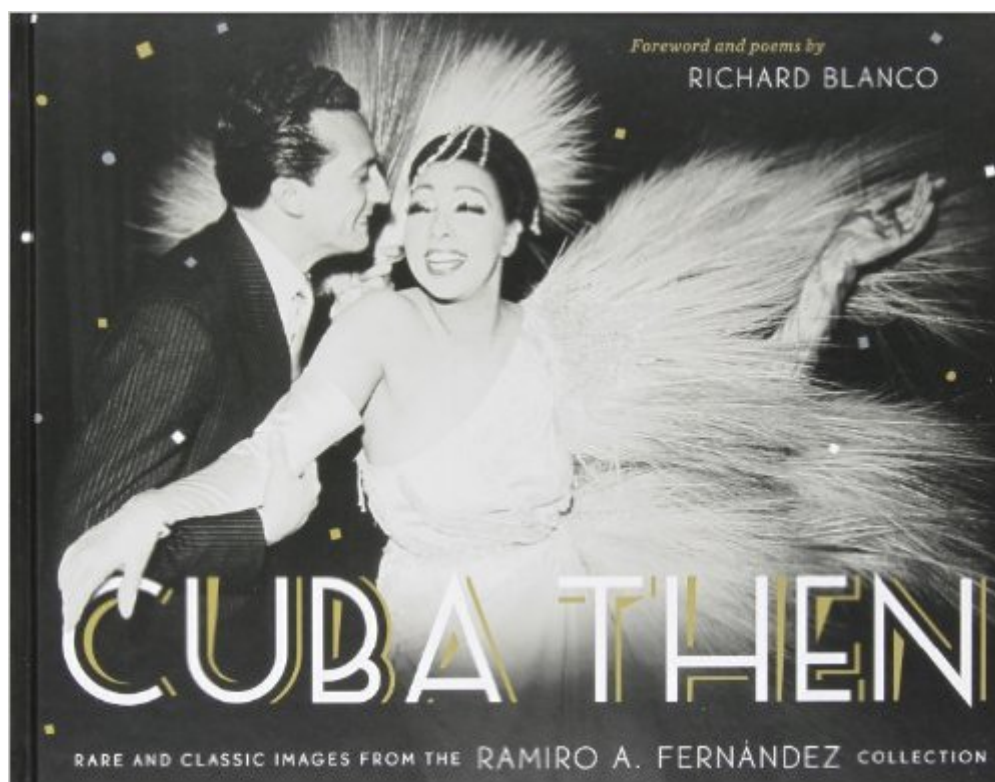


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# Cuba Then: Rare And Classic Images From The Ramiro Fernandez Collection



## Synopsis

Vintage photos from one of the largest archives of Cuban photography in the world capture the island's history. The enduring fascination of Cuba intensifies as the island once again becomes a seductive travel destination. From Ramiro Fernández, whose collection of Cuban photography and ephemera is one of the largest outside of the island nation, comes a dazzling array of images of Cuban life, lifestyle, glamour, customs, and struggle from the nineteenth century to the Revolution. From the earliest daguerreotypes to glamorous shots of movie stars, the country's history is represented by a rich spectrum of personalities: race-car driving aristocrats, sultry showgirls, gangsters, everyday folk, and revolutionaries who would soon transform the nation. Rare images are showcased: a portrait of Castro as a schoolboy, a bare-chested Che Guevara, and Heinz Lanning, the only Nazi spy executed in Latin America during World War II (and the unwitting inspiration for Graham Greene's *Our Man in Havana*). With nearly 300 exceptional images and a foreword and poetry by Richard Blanco, the poet selected for President Obama's second inauguration, this is a multifaceted look at Cuba, then.

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This book provides the reader with an interesting collection of photographs that span from the mid 19th Century to the mid 1960s. Excellent compilation for any Cuban who wants to remember or, who wants to know how Cuba was back then. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who enjoys taking a look at the past through good quality photos.

I also own a copy of "I Was Cuba...." and that book is also wonderful. This book contains another set of photo "treasures", and I'm very grateful to Mr. Fernandez for making these photos available. Old photos are special in any case, but those from Cuba and certain other countries are much more difficult to obtain. The story of how Mr. Fernandez ended up purchasing these photos is rather remarkable.

I enjoyed the photos, the books will be display in the family room where I have my Cuban corner for all to see.

Another great book from the amazing Ramiro Fernandez collection. I was transported back in time. Hoping for another book after this one. Wish there was a sixth star.

Cuba Then: Rare and Classic Images from the Ramiro Fernandez Collection. I have "I was Cuba" By Kevin Kwan/Ramiro Fernandez Collection and this "Cuba Then", Except for the Leanings of Richard Blanco (His poetry for someone/something I strongly dislike and at times his rambling that can be mistaken for romanticism.) And Ramiro's Leanings, I really liked looking through this Book of beautiful pictures, I felt As Though I was in Cuba and I wonder what it would have been like to be there as My Parents, Grandparents and family lived through it. There are some topics missing here, Barely or nilch on The Freedom Flights, No Pictures of Grau (Although a Parade is shown) Of PrÃ- o who was the Last Democratically Elected President and overseer of a Prosperous and Free ADVANCED CUBA before Fulgencio Batista's hijacking of the democratic process and the Death of Cuba (1959). There is also some pictures from the last book included here but on a bigger spread/page, the book is a little bigger than the I was Cuba book but the binding if you are not careful can get damaged. If you can overlook these omissions, and focus on the topic of the book which is the photography of a Cuba that was but will sadly never be again, A travesty what the most Beautiful Island in the Caribbean went through and still goes through to this day. I Highly recommended you see for yourself this bygone era.

The photos gave me a glimpse into the past. They are thought-provoking, moving, and satisfied my curiosity about the land where my father and his family grew up and lived. I especially like the cover photo.

Gave this to my mother for Mother's Day and she was immediately transported back in time. It was great watching her look at the photos and give her take on them.

Excellent quality and very interesting photos and anecdotes. Hard to put down once you open it. I highly recommend it!

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