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## Passage to Cuba: An Up-Close Look at the World's Most Colorful Culture

Book Presentation by Author Cynthia Carris Alonso

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In the wake of President Obama's decision to renew ties with Cuba, what was once a mysterious closed-off tropical nation has recaptured Americans' imaginations. *Passage to Cuba: An Up-Close Look at the World's Most Colorful Culture* captures, with an "insider's access and a visitor's sense of wonder," two starkly different worlds contained within this island nation: the luxurious realm where foreigners flock, and the unseen corners where ordinary citizens dwell away from tourists' eyes.

Cynthia Carris Alonso has been a photographer and photo editor for more than 20 years, working for publications such as *Newsweek*, *Vanity Fair*, *BusinessWeek*, and *Time.com*. She has exhibited her photographs around the United States, Canada, and Latin America.

Since the 1990s, Ms. Alonso has traveled regularly to Cuba, photographing the country's most famous artists, important news events, and daily life of the people. As an American photographer, accredited journalist, and member of a Cuban family by marriage, she has had an insider's access to capture the complexities and intrigue of this very surreal and mysterious country with an up-close and personal view. In 1992, she met her future husband in Cuba, and today they live together with their daughter in New York City.

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