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Between 1956 and 1959, thirteen American journalists worked underground in Cuba reporting on the rebellion led by Fidel Castro. These stories told in U.S. newspapers and magazines, on television and radio, changed the way Americans viewed the conflict and altered U.S. foreign policy in Castro's favor. In appreciation, Fidel Castro presented these journalists with engraved gold medals, at a private reception on his first visit to the the U.S. as premier of Cuba. *Reporting the Cuban Revolution* reveals the untold story. It is both a masterwork of narrative nonfiction and a deft analysis of the tension between propaganda and objectivity in the work of U.S. foreign correspondents.

Leonard Ray Teel's books focus on American and international media history. In 2014, he was honored for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism History by the American Journalism Historians Association. Previously he was honored nationally for his biography, *Ralph Emerson McGill: Voice of the Southern Conscience*, by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Teel was a founder of two international media organizations, the Arab-U.S. Association for Communication Educators, and the Center for International Media Education at Georgia State University, where he taught journalism history for more than 30 years and conducted journalism training in the Middle East, North Africa, and China. Earlier, as a journalism graduate at the University of Miami, Teel was a newspaper reporter in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Washington, and Atlanta, where he won an Associated Press award and, with CNN, shared in a team broadcast Emmy for coverage of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

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