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This collection provides an understanding and an explanation of Cuba's interaction with Africa between 1959 and 1994, beginning with the Cuban Revolution and ending with South Africa's democratic election. Excitingly, these essays reflect understandings of the Cuba–Africa nexus from a range of disciplinary nodes. This is interdisciplinary scholarship in a real and symbolic way – and at its most interesting too.

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Cuba was a key participant in the struggle for the independence of African countries during the Cold War and the definitive ousting of colonialism from the continent. Beyond the military interventions that played a decisive role in shaping African political history, there were many-sided engagements between the island and the continent.

Cuba and Africa, 1959-1994 is the story of tens of thousands of individuals who crossed the Atlantic as doctors, scientists, soldiers, students and artists. Each chapter presents a case study – from Algeria to Angola, from Equatorial Guinea to South Africa – and shows how much of the encounter between Cuba and Africa took place in non-militaristic fields: humanitarian and medical, scientific and educational, cultural and artistic.

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Approaching African–Cuban relations from a multiplicity of angles, this collection will appeal to an equally wide range of readers, from scholars in black Atlantic studies to cultural theorists and general readers with an interest in contemporary African history.

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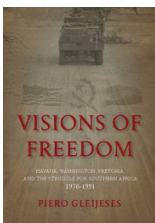
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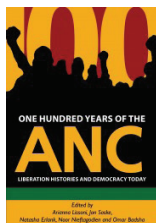
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