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## Book Review

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Armando Hart, a prominent member of the Cuban Communist government since 1961, initially published his memoir in Cuba in 1997. A highly polemical work, this translation focuses on his role in the Castro Rebellion during the 1950s. Following attempts to resist Batista encroachments on civil rights as a young lawyer, Hart became engaged in Fidel Castro's movement to overthrow the dictator. Much of the narrative recounts his plans to coordinate and enhance cooperation among urban revolutionary cells, student activist groups, and labor organizations, to provide effective assistance to the guerrilla rebels in the eastern region of the island. Hart asserts that such unified efforts, as well as convincing propaganda, contributed to the successful 1958 military campaign that toppled Batista. Contemporary documents appended to each chapter of this book are perhaps more illuminating than Hart's narrative. Equally polemical in tone, several documents demonstrate ultimate revolutionary objectives that justified rejections of any compromise with the moderate political opponents to the Batista regime, or any accommodation with the persistent imperialism of the US. Biographical sketches of major political figures during the 1950s, as well as photographs, are important additions to the text. Summing Up: Recommended. Upper-division undergraduates and above. Upper-division Undergraduates; Graduate Students; Researchers/Faculty. Reviewed by J. A. Gagliano.

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