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Women in Cuba; the making of a revolution within the revolution.

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"A revolution within the revolution" was Fidel Castro's way of referring to the politicization of women during Cuba's socialist revolution. Vilma Espín, Asela de Los Santos, and Yolanda Ferrer were women who fought, taught, and organized during the revolution. Mary-Alice Waters interviews these leaders about their experiences and how what it meant to be women changed during the revolution. In the first half the book recounts the period between Batista's military coup in 1952 to the defeat of the Batista dictatorship in 1959, and especially how they created a new social order during the revolutionary war. The second part details the way that Cuban women's lives changed in the 1960s through the socialist revolution as millions were brought out of poverty, prostitution and patriarchal subordination led by the Federation of Cuban Women. Included are two sections of high-quality black-and-white photos of revolutionary women and other scenes of the Cuban revolution, and in the back is a detailed glossary of terms, individuals, and a time-line of events. Also available in a Spanish-language edition from Pathfinder as *Las mujeres en Cuba*. (Annotation ©2012 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)