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It's The Poor Who Face The Savagery Of The US Justice System: The Cuban Five Talk Of Their Lives Within The Us Working Class



Synopsis

"They chose five distant points for us to serve our unjust sentences. . . . But nothing could stop the Five from marching together with our people and our supporters the world over in the long battle for freedom."—Antonio Guerrero Five Cuban revolutionaries, framed up by the U.S. government in 1998, spent up to 16 years as part of the U.S. working class behind bars. Each reached out to fellow prisoners with respect, solidarity, and through their own example and won respect and support in return. What prepared the Cuban Five to act as each did? Above all, it was Cuba's socialist revolution, whose class character and values their conduct exemplifies. With understanding, objectivity and humor, in this 2015 interview they talk about U.S. capitalist society and its justice system. And about the future of the Cuban Revolution. Includes 40 photos from their years in prison and since the Cuban Five won their freedom and returned to Cuba.

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This short book has a lot in it:— It's about the "freest country in the world," with 4.4% of the world's population, but 22% of the world's prisoners.— The vast majority of those behind bars are from the working class. Some 40% are African Americans, who are some 14% of the overall US population.— It's a look at those prisons from within by five Cuban political prisoners who the US couldn't break, and who became heroes around the world.— It's about the revolution which produced the Cuban Five, and the role of their resistance in forcing the US to reestablish diplomatic relations with Cuba.— It's about their fellow prisoners, from Puerto Rican

independence fighters to Cubans who moved here, and the many political discussions throughout the prisons. It's about how revolutionaries in the US were able to help the Cuban Five participate in political life in the prisons through discussions, and through supplying them with books, The Militant newspaper, and Cuban periodicals. It's about the new challenges which now face revolutionary Cuba, with the US trying to get capitalist investment in, while still refusing to end the embargo or its occupation of 28,000 acres (around 45 square miles) of territory at Cuba's best harbor. It's about the ability of ordinary working people to transform themselves as they transform the world, and about how a socialist revolution is both possible and necessary in the United States. It's got 40 great photos! For more on the relationship between the revolution in Cuba and politics in the US, see

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