**Further Reading for *The Other Side of Paradise***

***Cuban Revelations: Behind the Scenes in Havana* by Marc Frank**

Frank is an American journalist who was in Cuba from the Special Period to Fidel’s departure. Here, he tries to show what it’s been like for Cubans to live through these times through his interviews and observations.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17347808-cuban-revelations>

***Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy* by Carlos Eire**

Carlos Eire grew up in a wealthy Cuban family before the revolution, and in 1962 was sent away to the United States at age 11. A glimpse into growing up in Cuba during the Revolution and adapting to life in exile.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/201113.Waiting_for_Snow_in_Havana>

[Also in E-Audio]

***Haydée Santamaría, Cuban Revolutionary* by Margaret Randall**

The biography of Haydee Santamaria that was mentioned in the discussion (thank you Sunny), one of the original founders of the Revolution and a cultural heroine in Cuba.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/23309940-hayd-e-santamar-a-cuban-revolutionary>

***Che* [Film]**

A two-part film depicting the role of Che Guevera in the Cuban Revolution and the Bolivian Insurgency. Starring Benicio Del Toro in a biographical war movie, in Spanish with subtitles.

***Dreaming in Cuban* by Cristina Garcia**

A novel about three generations of Cuban women, and how the decision to either stay in Cuba or leave into exile affects them all.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/77092.Dreaming_in_Cuban>

***My Life: A Spoken Autobiography* by Fidel Castro**

An autobiography through interviews done by Ignacio Ramonet of the French *Le Monde diplomatique*. Ramonet gets Fidel to discuss his upbringing, the Cuban Missile Crisis, human rights in Cuba, and more.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1757027.My_Life>

[Also in audiobook]

***Before Night Falls* by Reinaldo Arenas**

The autobiography of Reinaldo Arenas, the gay rights activist Cooke mentioned several times in *Other Side of Paradise*. It describes his life growing up in rural poverty, living and being persecuted for being a gay man in post-Revolution Cuba, and his imprisonment.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/33833.Before_Night_Falls>

***Havana Nocturne: How the mob owned Cuba and then lost it to the Revolution* by T.J. English**

The story of American organized crime in Cuba before and after the Revolution, a topic which was very briefly touched upon in Cooke’s book. Good for a look at another lesser-known aspect of U.S.-Cuban relations.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2578863-havana-nocturne>

[Also in audiobook]