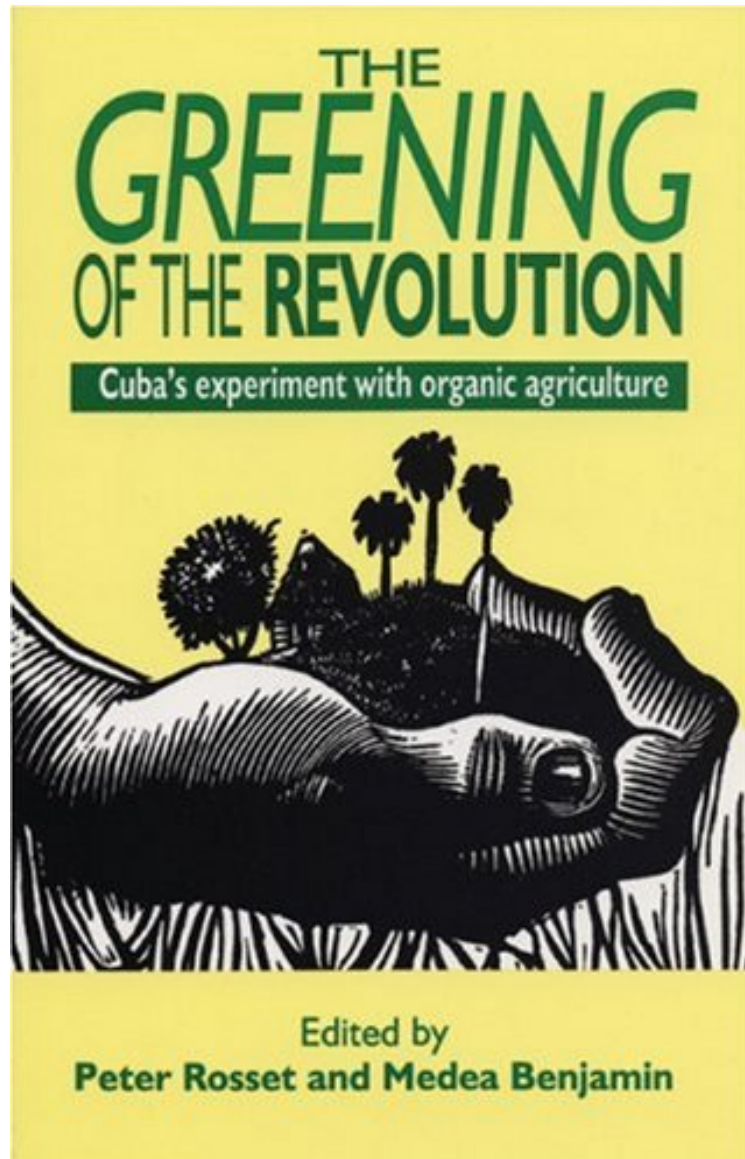


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Cuba's social and economic systems have been in crisis since the collapse of the Soviet Union. The prime concern of the country is how to feed its citizens so that every member has an adequate and nutritious diet. Rosset and Benjamin's scientific delegation to Cuba examined the history leading up to the current crisis, and the social, political and economic factors which maintain the food shortage up to this day. They then launch on an encyclopedic survey of the agricultural and social reform programs launched by Cuba's government to remedy the crisis. The country has adopted a Low Input, Sustainable Agriculture (LISA) style of food production in order to cope with drastically reduced inputs of chemicals, fertilizer, fuel, and capital since the USSR collapsed. Research programs abound, with several hundred research and development facilities in a country little larger than Vancouver Island, B.C. They are studying and implementing programs in non-chemical control of insects, weeds, and disease; soil remediation and fertility; labour distribution; post-harvest physiology and storage; and the distributions of production and population centers. The Greening of the Revolution combines the expertise of a 20 member delegation who spent a week in 1992 travelling the country. It reads like a comprehensive Annual Review article, with insightful analysis throughout, but not for the faint-of-heart looking for a light read. The 1992 date is now 7 years past, it would be of great interest to have a second edition of the book published in a repeat of the 1992 surveys. The book could also use some close editing; although logically laid out and of strong scientific style, there were redundancies and inconsistencies sprinkled throughout the text. In all, though, an excellent and compelling analysis of a country in transition.

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Some years ago, a Brazilian lent this book to me. It's a small and concise book. In fact the only quality of this bad book is his small size. All the rest are ridiculous Castro's propaganda. Well, I'm an (unemployed) Brazilian agronomist. I must tell you that Cuba has nothing to teach about agriculture. In fact Castro's Cuba is, a complete agriculture failure. The big Cuba's crop is sugar. Well, in 1912, Cuba produced more sugar than in 2003, 2004 and 2005. Cuba's experiment with organic agriculture was and is a failure. In fact, in Cuba, the general people has no flowing water, electricity, etc. Outside privileges and money support to Latin American Marxists, Cuba's money goes to propaganda. And this is pure castrist propaganda.

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