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Campbell, Kumari. *Cuba in Pictures*. Lerner, 2005. ISBN 0822511673. \$19.93. 80 pp.

Reviewer: Emily E. Johnson

Reading Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Informational books;

Subject: Cuba--Juvenile literature; Book--Reviews;

Cuba in Pictures is laid out in a computer-style format. Highlighted words and arrows direct the reader's attention to key points and additional information found outside the body of the text. This format emphasizes Campbell's desire for readers to do further research on websites listed throughout the book. Each section includes detailed accurate write-ups, pictures, and fun facts that give a solid background to enable additional researching. There are six main sections of this book: land, history and government, people, cultural life, economy, and 'more information.' Unlike some informational books that lack information in some of these sections, *Cuba in Pictures* gives events and facts needed to have a complete view of life in Cuba.

Campbell shifts his focus from his past informational books on Canada to Cuba. Though thorough information is given in the book, a slightly romanticized perspective is implied since greater depth is not specified on some political and economical issues. However, the facts given are accurate; the book is a wealth of compiled information that is easily searchable due to the glossary, index, timeline, multiple maps, list of famous people, and list of current facts.