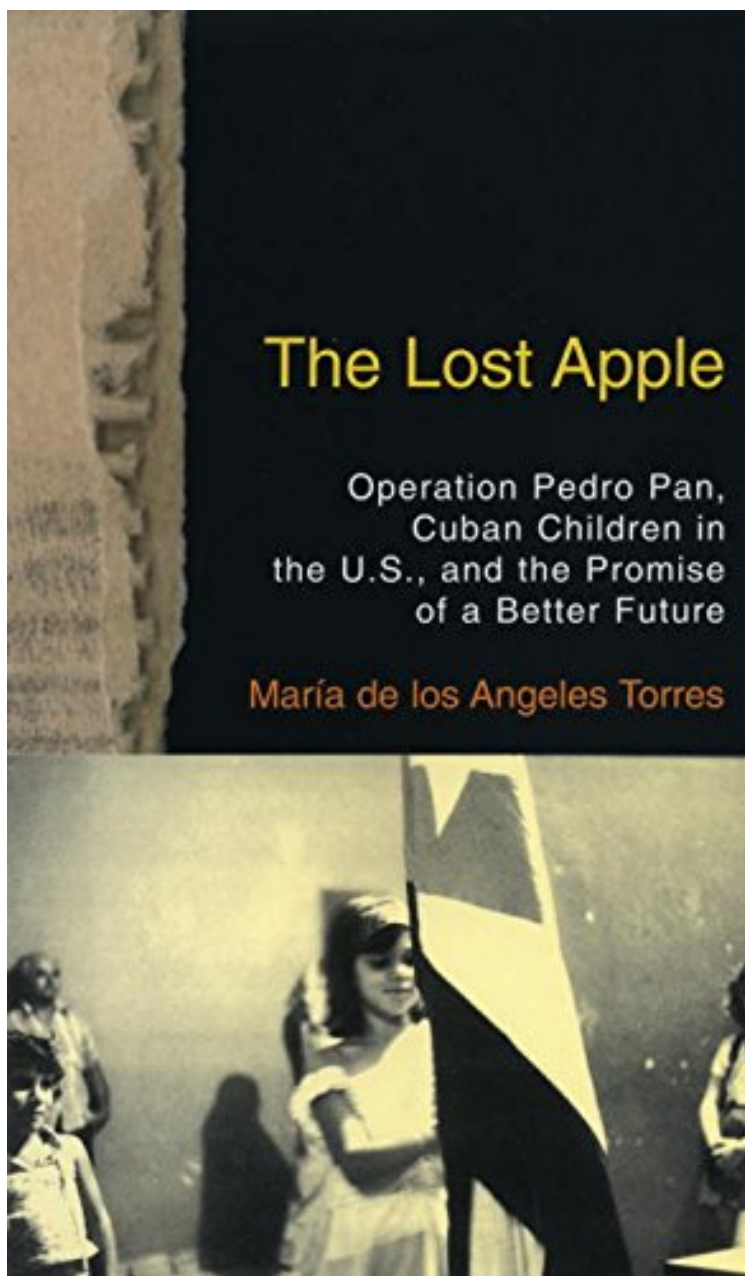


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As a Pedro Pan myself I lived this story. Maria Torres's book, however, brought it back home with new insights. Well researched, "The Lost Apple" describes a part of American/Cuban history that has been ignored for too long. As relations between the United States and Cuba continue to thaw, I hope that Torres's book receives the attention it deserves. The more than 14,000 children the program embraced owe gratitude to Dr. Torres for documenting the politics behind a program that affected their lives. Fifty years later, we, and our children and grandchildren, say thank you. We lost the apple but gained our freedom.
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The author, a self admitted product of the 1960's left, keeps trying to attach evil intentions to those involved in the Pedro Pan operation. She dwells extensively on the pain of separation and points her finger at several groups that supposedly used us as pawns in a convoluted chess game. I am a Pedro Pan and I thank God every morning that I live in the United States. I know many of the participants in this book directly, Penny Powers was my sixth grade teacher, my mother was part of the underground involved in the "rescate de la niez". This book reminds me of a hypothetical indictment of the crew of the Titanic for putting the children in life boats without their parents. We were in moral, physical and spiritual danger. Operation Pedro Pan, while not perfect, saved us from suffering that would have been several orders of magnitude greater had we stayed in Cuba. Read the book, but be aware of the bias.

From 1960 to 1962, 14,048 Cuban minors arrived in Miami. Mara de los Angeles Torres was six years old when she took part in this massive airlift-now known as Operation Pedro Pan-in which parents, terrified that the new communist government would ship their children to Soviet work camps, sent them instead to America. Torres examines the event from both a historical and a personal perspective. This 'relentless investigator of history' (Miami Herald) forces declassification of key documents, challenging us all finally to come to terms with this pivotal yet largely neglected exodus.