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**Lynette Chiang : The Handsomest Man in Cuba: An Escapade** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Handsomest Man in Cuba: An Escapade:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Different, fun, revealing.By Joseph GarciaThis book was fun to read as well as revealing from several perspectives: first it offered an intimate look at Cuba from an unbiased observer. Ms. Chiang takes pains to remain objective and not take sides. This is a welcome change from the politically charged perspectives we have from Cuban expatriates and the Cuban government.Secondly, the book provided an interesting

insight into how Ms. Chiang was personally affected by this journey. It left me wanting to know more about this person who was willing to leave her job and her home to travel around the world on her folding bike. An easy and yet thought-provoking read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Shedding truth. By John Gerace I was wanting to say, after reading this book, The following: The close is absolutely priceless "says volumns" The authors observations are very keen, painting a very accurate picture. If the embargo were ever to be lifted by us Yanks, Well as mentioned in the Trinidad Saga, its all way to apparant what is going to become of the warmth of the people of Cuba. I dont expect it anytime soon, and perhaps selfishly dont care to see that happen, Thank you to the author for sharing and shedding truth. Read by the americanworkmule. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Personality Plus By Douglas H. Harris I recently rode my Bike Friday with Lynette and some 40 other "Friday" enthusiasts through the historic towns of Southern Arizona, so I was pleased to find that the personality that exudes from her every pore was clearly revealed in this entertaining, funny, bittersweet, educational account of her biking through Cuba. I can't think of a better way to spend a couple of hours (whether or not you like biking and travel) than to view Cuban everyday life through Lynette's perceptive and objective eyes. The only thing better would be to actually take a bike ride with Lynette.

An engaging, witty account of the people, customs, food, and culture of Cuba framed by a fascinating approach to travel. With only a folding bicycle and a towable suitcase, Australian Lynette Chiang spent three months touring Cuba, eshewing tourist hotels and typical itineraries in favor of an unpredictable day-to-day existence among ordinary citizens. She discovered a people who, despite great privation, are warm, generous and generally happy. Her narrative covers equally well the challenges of travel on two wheels and the surprises of life in the land of Fidel.

From Booklist Trading her car and house for a folding bike and a series of rented rooms and campsites, Australian suburbanite Chiang embarked on a three-month solo trip across Cuba, from December 1999 to March 2000 (her memoir was published in Australia and New Zealand in 2003). She roamed without a master plan, bunking with Cuban families, spending time in the places where ordinary people lived, making friends, and seeing what life off the beaten tourist paths is like. While the book suffers from a certain repetitiveness--Chiang moves from one dirt-poor community to another, dossing down with one charming family after another--it offers us a revealing look at a Cuba we rarely see, a country whose citizens are still crippled by the government's anti-American political stance, living in poverty, finding small joys in the kind of life most of us can't even begin to imagine. And while Chiang's tone is generally light and breezy, it's the serious messages about politics and poverty behind the entertaining characters and comic misadventures that give the book its staying power. David Pitt Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Hop onto Ms. Chiangs handlebars and enjoy a magical adventure in Castros Cuba, a journey that can only take place on two wheels and with an open heart. With the warm tropical breeze to our backs, we pedal into the lives of a medley of fascinating, sometimes handsome, always amusing characters and none more so than Lynette herself. Randy Komisar, author of The Monk and the Riddle