

BETWEEN THE COVERS RARE BOOKS

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[Journal and Photo Album]: Cuba

Cuba: 1946

\$750



Small octavo. Brown leather photo album measuring 6½" x 4" with "snaps" stamped in silver on the front board. The album contains 82 sepia toned photographs and color postcards measuring around 3½" x 5" and is heavily captioned. Album is very good with some creasing and edgewear with near fine or better photographs.

A photo album kept by an American woman while on vacation in Havana, Cuba in the Summer of 1946. The album serves as both a collection of photos and a journal with each photo accompanied by a page of text describing the trip. A photo titled, "Paseo de Martie O' Prado" reads, "this beautiful boulevard is called the Prado. The tree tops were a little bare due to the '45 hurricane. The patterns and colors in the walks are lovely. It is beautifully illuminated at night when Habaneros take their evening paseo." Another photo of an empty street explains, "the streets and walks seem so deserted because it is siesta time again - 12 noon to 2 pm everyday. 'Only Englishmen and dogs go out in the mid-day sun.'"

The Spanish word "Morro" means headland, and is applied to any fortress having such a position. The Havana Morro as completed in 1597 was a facsimile of a Moorish fortress in Lisbon. It is irregular from 100 to 120 feet above sea level surrounded by moats 70 feet deep, 30 feet of which are hewn out of solid rock. It took the English 67 days to capture the fort in 1762.

Throughout the album Havana and its surrounding area are shown with photos of the Palace of the President, Capital building, and "Latin" citizens walking through the streets of the city. They spent time on the bay and visited El Morro castle which she explains in a caption, "the Spanish word "Morro" means headland and is applied to any fortress having such a position. The Havana Morro as completed in 1597 was a facsimile of a Moorish fortress in Lisbon... El Morro was begun in 1589 built by slave and convicts in eight years." There are beautiful photos of Columbus Cathedral and the National Opera House as well as picture postcards of the old post office and various temples. Laid in are an additional group of photos, all with typed captions on the verso, which continue the vacation through national cemeteries, the Hotel Inglaterra, and Havana's skyline. Although the subjects are largely touristic in nature, this is a reasonably detailed woman's illustrated journal of a trip to Cuba in 1946.

An extensive and wonderfully captioned snapshot album of 1940's Havana. [BTC#399388]







Paseo de Martí o' Prado

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