



## About the Author – Mick Winter

A former advertising copywriter and screenwriter, Mick Winter is now an academic researcher living in California's Napa Valley. He is the author of books on sustainability, travel, and mobile technology, and a contributing author to textbooks from leading academic publishers in Germany and the UK. He holds a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MA (Distinction) from the University of Brighton (UK).

Winter's long-time interest in Cuba was deepened and expanded during month-long studies at the University of Havana. Since that time, his goal has been to create a book on Cuba that was enjoyable to read, yet filled with information that would give readers—Americans in particular—the facts that are seldom found in mass media.

Winter's previous books include "Scan Me - Everybody's Guide to the Magical World of QR Codes," and "Peak Oil Prep: Prepare for Peak Oil, Climate Change and Economic Collapse."

Winter lives in California's Napa Valley with his wife Kathryn, occasional resident daughter Joanna, and their cats Sophie and Truffle.

Winter comments:

Each topic in the book could be, and often has been, the subject for a number of books. What I've done is distill the subjects down to their essence, presenting the information succinctly, clearly and, I hope, even entertainingly.

I've also been careful to back up all the facts in the book. I wanted readers, should they wish, to be able to see that the sources I draw on are credible. If I couldn't find a solid original source for a claim about Cuba, I didn't include it. Some readers might disagree with my interpretation of some of the facts, but it will be difficult for them to disagree with the facts themselves.

And that is the purpose of the book. I wanted readers to see clearly what the Cuban people have accomplished in the last fifty years. Readers can then make up their minds whether this is positive or negative. I hope also that they recognize that Cuba is the sole responsibility of the Cuban people, not of governments in other countries.

I hope readers enjoy the book and that it gives them a new, or expanded, perspective on this inspiring country.

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