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Cuba: A Short History brings together chapters from Volumes III, V and VII of *The Cambridge History* to provide in a single volume an economic, social and political history of Cuba since the middle of the eighteenth century. This, it is hoped, will be useful for both teachers and students of Latin American history and of contemporary Latin America. Each chapter is accompanied by a bibliographical essay.