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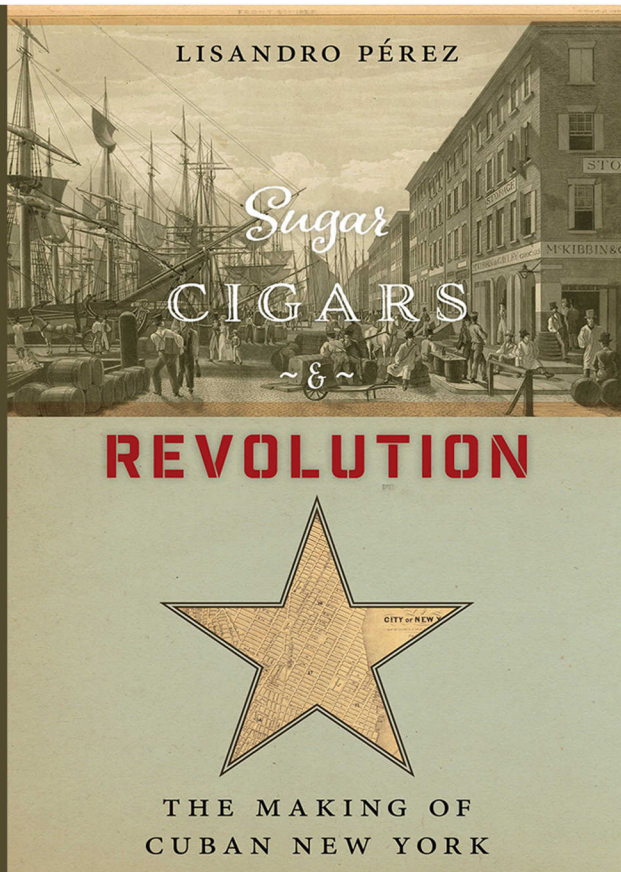
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Sugar, Cigars, and Revolution: The Making of Cuban New York Book Presentation with Author Lisandro Pérez

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More than 100 years before the Cuban Revolution of 1959 sparked an exodus that created today's prominent Cuban-American presence, Cubans were settling in New York City in what became largest community of Latin Americans in the nineteenth-century Northeast. *Sugar, Cigars, and Revolution* brings this community to vivid life, tracing its formation and how it was shaped by both the sugar trade and the long struggle for independence from Spain. New York became the primary destination for Cuban émigrés in search of an education, opportunity, wealth, to start a new life or forget an old one, to evade royal authority, plot a revolution, experience freedom, or buy and sell goods. Lisandro Pérez beautifully weaves together their stories, showing the rise of a little-known but vibrant community that represents the origins of New York City's Latino presence. Historically rich and engrossing, *Sugar, Cigars, and Revolution* immerses the reader in the drama of Cuban New York.

Dr. Lisandro Pérez is Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies at John Jay College, City University of New York. He was on the faculty of Florida International University for nearly twenty-five years, where he served for thirteen years as Director of its Cuban Research Institute, which he established in 1991. He was editor of the journal *Cuban Studies*, a contributing editor for the *Miami Herald*, and has authored numerous publications on Cuba and Cuban Americans. *Sugar, Cigars, and Revolution* is the culmination of years of research on the Cuban community in New York City during the nineteenth century.

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