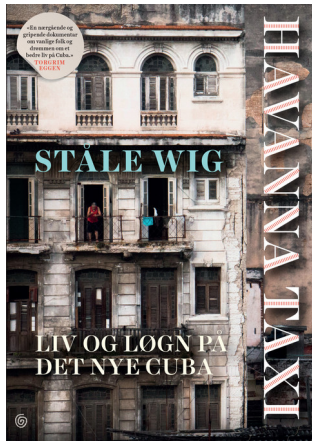


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HAVANA TAXI

LIFE AND LIES IN THE NEW CUBA



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«Go to Cuba», the tourists say, «before it's too late». «The island is changing», the experts say. There are few real inside stories from Cuba. Journalists tend to travel there when something happens, and then leave. Ståle Wig did not - he stayed for years.

When Norwegian anthropologist Ståle Wig moves to Havana to write his phd on Cuba he starts driving a taxi to get to know the people, and discovers a different story about the Cubans. *Havana Taxi* is the true story of three individuals and a taxi, in light of the recent changes on Cuba - the connection to the internet, the opening to the United States, and the death of Fidel Castro.

Norges, Linet, and Catalina seize the new opportunities, but soon, they notice how their dreams and initiatives collide with old, ingrained structures. Cuba's great transformation is not what it seems.



In *Havana Taxi*, [Ståle Wig] writes like a novelist. [...] As the book draws to a close, and a violent crescendo - Hurricane Irma - washes over Havana, the language is powerful and rich in imagery. But *Havana Taxi* is non-fiction prose. And what a prose it is.

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Wig writes excitingly, almost fictionally. He tells the life story of his friends openly and closely [...] so that they become a living, human contrast to a faceless system.

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There are elements of both Graham Green and John Le Carré in this powerful new documentary ... *Havana Taxi* is a very good book about modern Cuba.

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Ståle Wig has a PhD in social anthropology. He wrote his doctoral thesis on Cuba's market reforms after living in Havana for almost two years. Seven years in the making, *Havana Taxi* came out to rave reviews. Wig's first book, *The Victor: An unauthorized biography of Jonas Gahr Støre*, was published by Kagge Forlag in 2014.

