

Notions of the Macho and the Militant Versus the Homoerotic in Revolutionary Cuba

The Cuban Revolution was a watershed moment in the history of the Americas. It brought about a radical transformation of Cuban society, and it had a profound impact on the lives of LGBTQ Cubans. This book examines the complex and often contradictory relationship between masculinity, militarism, and homoeroticism in revolutionary Cuba. It explores how the Revolution both challenged and reinforced traditional notions of masculinity, and how these changes impacted the lives of LGBTQ Cubans.



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The Macho and the Militant

The macho ideal has long been a central part of Cuban culture. It is a model of masculinity that emphasizes strength, virility, and aggression. This ideal was reinforced by the Cuban Revolution, which created a new army that was seen as the epitome of masculinity. The military became a place where men could prove their manhood and earn the respect of their peers.

However, the Revolution also challenged traditional notions of masculinity. The new government promoted a more egalitarian society, and it encouraged women to take on roles that had traditionally been reserved for men. This led to a gradual erosion of the macho ideal, and it created space for new forms of masculinity to emerge.

The Homoerotic

The homoerotic has always been present in Cuban culture, but it was largely hidden from view before the Revolution. The Revolution created a more open and tolerant society, and this led to a greater visibility of homoeroticism. However, the homoerotic was still seen as a threat to the macho ideal, and it was often repressed by the government.

Despite this repression, the homoerotic continued to exist in revolutionary Cuba. It found expression in art, literature, and music, and it played a role in the development of a new Cuban identity.

The Macho, the Militant, and the Homoerotic in Dialogue

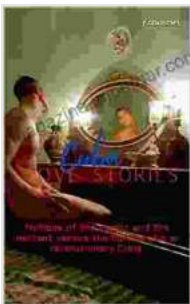
The relationship between the macho, the militant, and the homoerotic in revolutionary Cuba was complex and often contradictory. The macho ideal was challenged by the Revolution, but it continued to exist in new forms. The homoerotic was repressed by the government, but it found expression in art, literature, and music.

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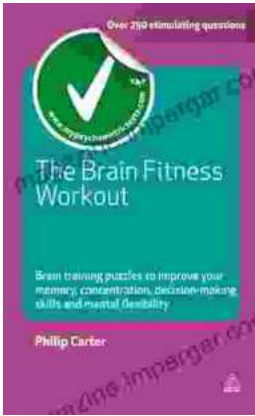
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