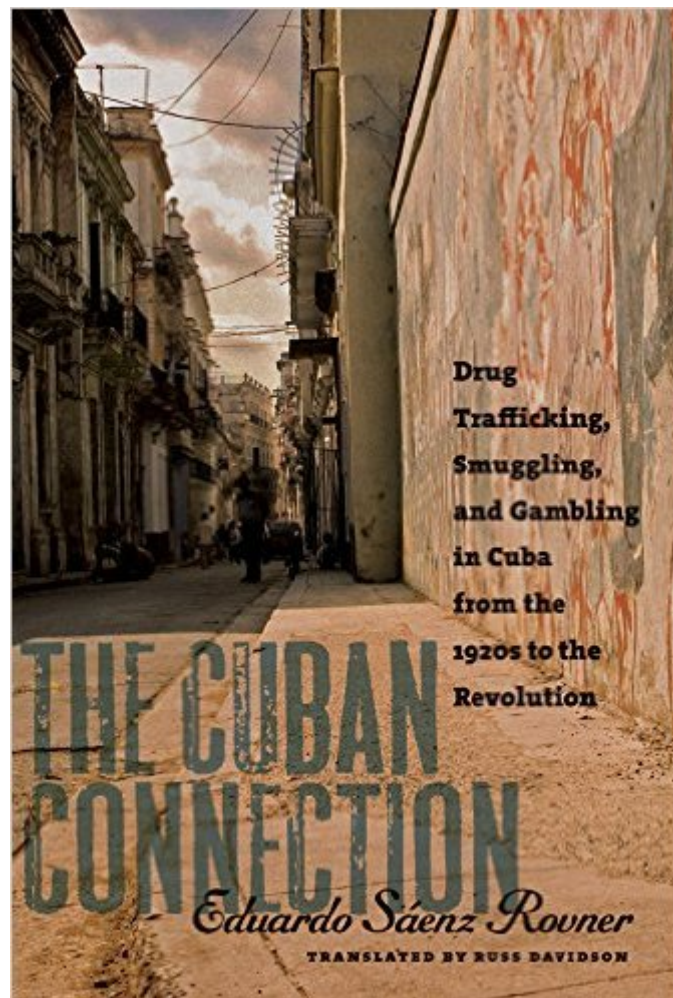


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# The Cuban Connection: Drug Trafficking, Smuggling, And Gambling In Cuba From The 1920s To The Revolution (Latin America In Translation/en Traducci3n/em TraduÅ£Å£o)





## Synopsis

A comprehensive history of crime and corruption in Cuba, *The Cuban Connection* challenges the common view that widespread poverty and geographic proximity to the United States were the prime reasons for soaring rates of drug trafficking, smuggling, gambling, and prostitution in the tumultuous decades preceding the Cuban revolution. Eduardo Saenz Rovner argues that Cuba's historically well-established integration into international migration, commerce, and transportation networks combined with political instability and rampant official corruption to help lay the foundation for the development of organized crime structures powerful enough to affect Cuba's domestic and foreign politics and its very identity as a nation. Saenz traces the routes taken around the world by traffickers and smugglers. After Cuba, the most important player in this story is the United States. The involvement of gangsters and corrupt U.S. officials and businessmen enabled prohibited substances to reach a strong market in the United States, from rum running during Prohibition to increased demand for narcotics during the Cold War. Originally published in Colombia in 2005, this first English-language edition has been revised and updated by the author.

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An interesting look at the Cuban drug trade. Well researched and written. I prefer a slightly more casual narrative style, but I can't argue with how well this book provides the historical evidence.

Not a bad read but tends to wander of the Cuban theme a lot

good book

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