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It's the Poor Who Face the Savagery of the US Justice System

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Synopsis: Five Cuban revolutionaries, framed up by the U.S. government in 1998, spent up to 16 years as part of the U.S. working class behind bars. Each reached out to fellow prisoners with respect, solidarity, and through their own example and won respect and support in return. What prepared the Cuban Five to act as each did? Above all, it was Cuba's socialist revolution, whose class character and values their conduct exemplifies. With understanding, objectivity and humor, in this 2015 interview they talk about U.S. capitalist society and its justice system. And about the future of the Cuban Revolution. "It's the Poor Who Face the Savagery of the US Justice System" includes 40 photos from their years in prison and since the Cuban Five won their freedom and returned to Cuba.

Critique: Their story and sacrifice rescued from obscurity by the publication of "It's the Poor Who Face the Savagery of the US Justice System", this informative and compelling account will prove to be a much appreciated contribution to personal, community, and academic library collections -- especially in view of the recent rapprochement between American and Cuba instigated by the leaders of these two countries that promises to end more than fifty years of alienation, distrust, isolation, and hostility.

—Margaret Lane, Reviewer, *Midwest Book Review*