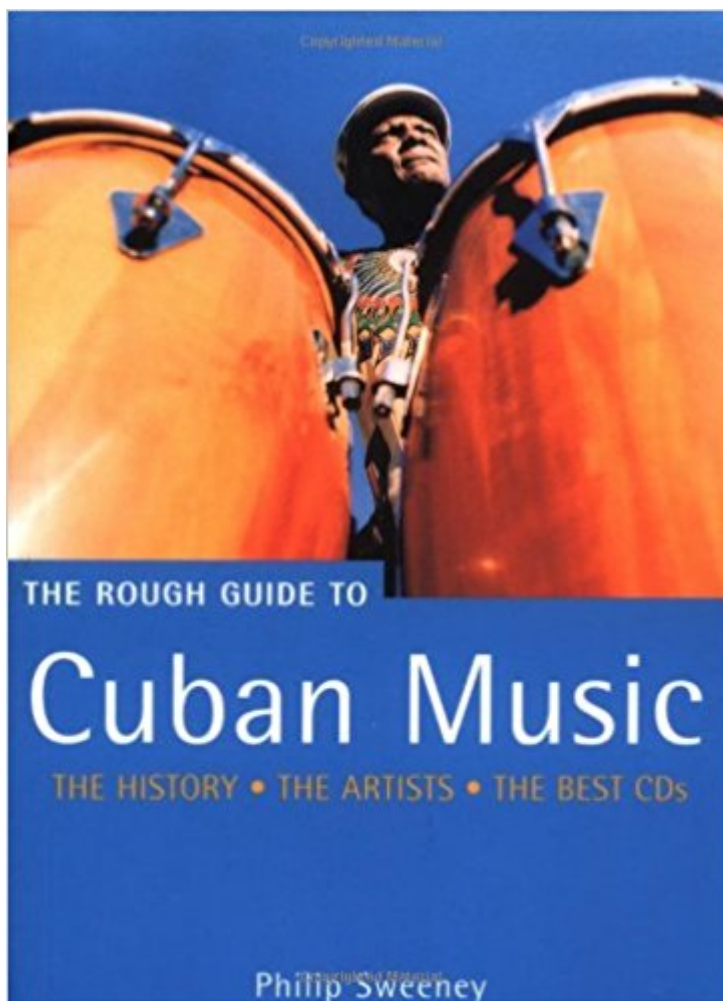


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# The Rough Guide To Cuban Music (Rough Guide Music Guides)



## Synopsis

Cuba is home to some of the world's most vibrant popular music in the world, from son and rumba to salsa and chachacha. The Rough Guide to Cuban Music introduces the full range of Cuba's varied musical traditions and tells the story of their greatest performers, legends like Beny More, Celina Gonzalea alongside more recent stars such as Carlos Varela. Includes features on the origins and development of the various musical genres, a biographical directory of over 100 key artists, with dozens of photographs. Also draws up some critical discographies, recommending the pick of each artist's output.

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## Customer Reviews

Phil Sweeney is a writer and broadcaster with a special interest in Latin American music. He is an experienced interviewer who has met with hundreds of the key players in the Cuban music scene.

This Rough Guide packs far more information in its pocket sized format than most of the other currently available full-sized books on the topic of Cuban Jazz. Most other books on the topic would have you think that Cuban music began with Desi Arnaz and ended with the now graying artists featured in Buena Vista Social Club. This Rough Guide discusses Son, Bolero, Mambo and other musical styles, describing their origin and the (not widely known) artists who first popularized them. And ... it picks up with the new generation of musicians that bring that work current. I used the

book's comprehensive descriptions (together with its "Listen to Samples" features) -- to build a broad collection that begins at the beginning and ends at the end.

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Philip Sweeney takes us on a journey through Cuba's rich musical heritage. In this compact edition, the reader is introduced to the major musical elements and artists that contributed to the development of Cuba's contemporary music culture. In addition, this booklet is a great guide to the recordings that capture Cuba's musical traditions of Rumba, Son, Bolero, Trova, and the music that emerged throughout the 20th century. This guide is a must have for the enthusiast of Cuban music.

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