

## May already!

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Somehow a lot of time has passed and it is now May 10, and I am completely recovered from pneumonia, and have been to Cuba for nine days, and then to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR, and now am just about to leave for NYC for four days of theater and opera. Wedged in around and among all of this, I have been, actually working. Writing. Despite my brain having turned 80 years old, it still functions, along with my imagination.

I was delighted to see (speaking of "old" writers...i.e., those of us who have been around for a long time) that Katherine Paterson has a book coming out which is set in Cuba. There is much to be said for Cuba...in particular their universal health care as well as literacy....along, sadly, with the terrible poverty and the governmental corruption. I have not read KP's book but I think it is about the amazing, and successful, effort to create a literate populace after the 1959 revolution.



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