

From Cuba with Love

The Story of a Peter Pan Kid

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With currently unfolding world events, this is the timely riveting story of a Peter Pan Kid - a 9 year old “kid” sent to the US by his parents to avoid being sent to Russia by Fidel. In the minds of those parents, the kids never grew old. Operation “Peter Pan” was a mass exodus of over 14,000 unaccompanied Cuban minors to the US (1960-1962). The kids got letters from their parents in Cuba but lived for years without their parents and many went on to accomplish great things. Father Bryan O. Walsh of the Catholic Welfare Bureau created the program to provide air transportation to the United States for Cuban children and then care for them. This is the story of one such “kid” and what it was like to come to America and navigate the world of the performing arts to become an American Cultural Ambassador for the US State Department and earn a Ph.D. at NYU. There are poignant, tearful, terrifying, and comical peaks and valleys. Hear Dr. Manuel Prestamo tell you his story of a Peter Pan Kid.

Operation Peter Pan was born of fear and the human instinct to protect children.

Luisa Yanez, (May 14, 20019), Miami Herald

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