

Pablo Gato
EL PLAN HATUEY



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Since 9/11, all major world powers have drawn up detailed contingency plans for dealing effectively with sudden or unprovoked attacks from enemy forces. Cuba is no exception. But what if a carefully delineated attack plan fell into the hands of a mentally deranged general with authorization to activate it? In *El Plan Hatuey*, Telemundo reporter Gato creates a suspenseful masterpiece showcasing his vast knowledge of U.S.-Cuban-Russian relations and a keen sensitivity to South Florida's Cuban American exile experience. Although fictional, the Hatuey plan is nevertheless chillingly close to the truth, as was revealed by the former chief of the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces, Rafael del Pino Díaz, upon defecting from Cuba in 1987. During a series of radio interviews, del Pino Díaz publicly warned the U.S. government about Cuba's then secret blueprints to launch an aerial attack on South Florida's airports, military bases, and nuclear plant facilities that would spark a nuclear holocaust. Throw into the mix a clandestine network of Cuban and Russian spies operating in Miami and 24 fully-loaded Russian MIG fighter planes, and you have the makings of a great international thriller with plenty of cloak-and-dagger action and adventure. Strongly recommended for all bookstores and for libraries serving fervent readers.—*Diana Kirby, Palm Beach Cty. Lib. Syst., FL*

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