

Rogue 6



by Col. Chuck Lehman

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Air Force Captain Rusty Markham is sent on a mission to shoot down his childhood friend, who is flying an F-106 fighter plane to Cuba to turn over to Communist dictator Fidel Castro. Set in the era of the Cuban Missile Crisis and an uneasy peace between Cuba and the United States, agencies and countries on both political sides focus on the chase.

Lehman begins near the end of the tale and uses the tension and conflict to keep the reader engaged as he weaves back story and relationships in ever more complicated detail. The author's first-hand knowledge of the planes, the techniques, and the lingo bring a realism to the story that makes it hard to believe it's fiction. The values of duty, honesty, integrity, and friendship sometimes seem to war against each other, while an unexpected element tweaks the outcome.