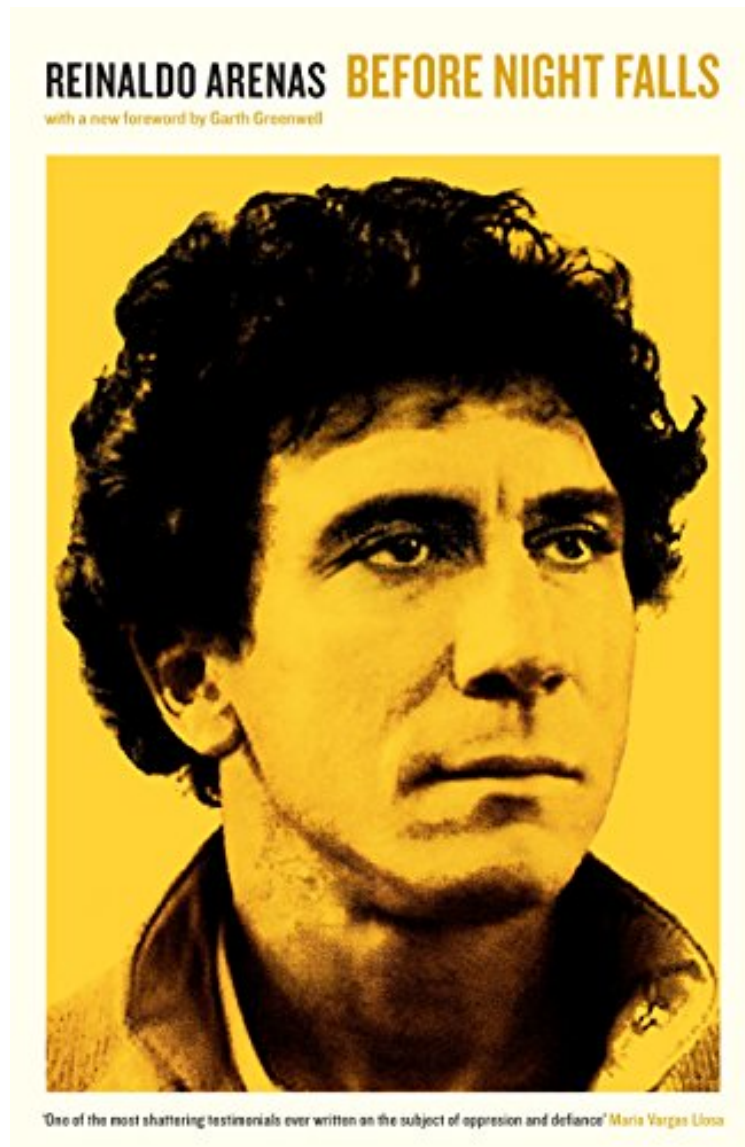


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TereI read this book a few years ago, and every now and then I read it again. This is one amazing book, by one of the best Cuban writers since Lezama Lima. Arenas' accounts of being both homosexual and a dissident in Castro's Cuba is both realistic and frightening, especially when one takes into account that what happened to him has happened, and continues to happen, to many in Cuba. I am especially drawn to his experiences and feelings about Castro and La Revolucion in its early days, because he expresses so well what many Cubans felt, from their hope to their ultimate disillusionment. Arenas' biggest contribution to Cuban culture, I believe, is his ability to put into vivid, heart-wrenching words what millions of Cubans felt, and continue to feel even today, as Castro's regime continues to destroy all that is good and beautiful about Cuba.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wonderfully disturbing and poignant  
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