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Problems abound: How will Frank escape the army base without being seen? Where will he hide until the boat comes? How can he outwit his commanding officer? And how can he elude hundreds of soldiers ordered to bring him back "dead or alive"?

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Review

"The Boy Who Said No is a beautifully written story of love, friendship and adventure. The descriptions of Cuban life under Fidel Castro, as seen through the eyes of a maturing young man, are vivid and paint a clear picture of the beauty of the country, and the desperation of her people. The drama of the challenges Frank Mederos faced in his attempts to escape Cuba resonates with an underlying theme of human experience that transcends culture, country and politics. Patti Sheehy captures the passion and spirit of the times and brings it to life."

-- Jonathan L. Lewis

"The Boy Who Said No is a powerful fictionalized version of a true story and one that stays with the reader for a long time. The book concludes with the veiled promise of a sequel. Let's hope so."

?New York Journal of Books

"This mix of thriller and history offers a fascinating but depressing look at life under Castro's totalitarian regime... a tense and exhilarating read."

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"The Boy Who Said No will grab you by the lapels and won't let you go until you finish the last sentence. Your pulse will race as Frank Mederos battles to escape Cuba -- amid treachery, suspicion and suspense. Bravo Patti Sheehy!"

-- Todd Buchholz of The Castro Gene

About the Author

Patti Sheehy is a graduate of Rider University and has spent her career in public relations and marketing as an executive in marketing and communications, primarily in the health care industry. She lives with her husband, Robert Hunter, in Haddon Heights, New Jersey. *The Boy Who Said No* is her first novel and while writing it, she worked closely with the real-life protagonist, Frank Mederos. Frank's story continues in the sequel; *Stalked: The Boy Who Said No*.

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