## SONS OF CUBA – HOMECOMING (Book 2) By Ellen W. Martin Excerpt

TANGI rushed over and picked up the now hysterical Andrés. Her eyes widened. Standing at the front door was that same disgusting soldier that had harassed her at the plaza; three others were behind him, rifles in hand. Once again, he leered at her. She looked down; her blouse was still open. She buttoned the top button and held Andrés close.

Ramon Miguel stepped between Tangi, Fernando, and the soldier. "What can we do for you?" He asked.

"I told you, I'm looking for Fernando Reyes. Are you he?"

Ramon stared at the soldier; his eyes narrowed. "Maybe, but tell me first why you're here."

The soldier waved a piece of paper in front of Ramon's face. "This is about you turning your farm over to the government."

Fernando pushed Ramon aside and snapped, "I'll do no such thing. That land has been in my family for generations. Besides, what would the government want with a few meager acres?"

The soldier looked first at Ramon, and then at Fernando. "Okay, which one of you is Reyes?

Fernando yanked the papers from the soldier's hands. "I told you I am. What is this?" He asked, shaking the papers in the soldier's face.

"It's the deed to your land. Sign it; sign it now without argument. If you don't, we have a prison cell waiting for you."

Ramon Miguel took the papers from Fernando's trembling hands, and glanced over the legal document. He turned his back on the soldiers and pulled the old man aside. "I'm afraid you have no choice," he whispered. "You wouldn't survive a week in jail, and I can't go to prison for you. Who'd take care of Tangi and the baby?"