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The book explores the historical and ideological roots of ALBA and its connection to the region's various geopolitical and ideological dimensions. The program known as the Chavismo, which has been offered as an alternative for Latin American and Caribbean nations to face the challenges of the twenty-first century, is the main topic of this study.

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