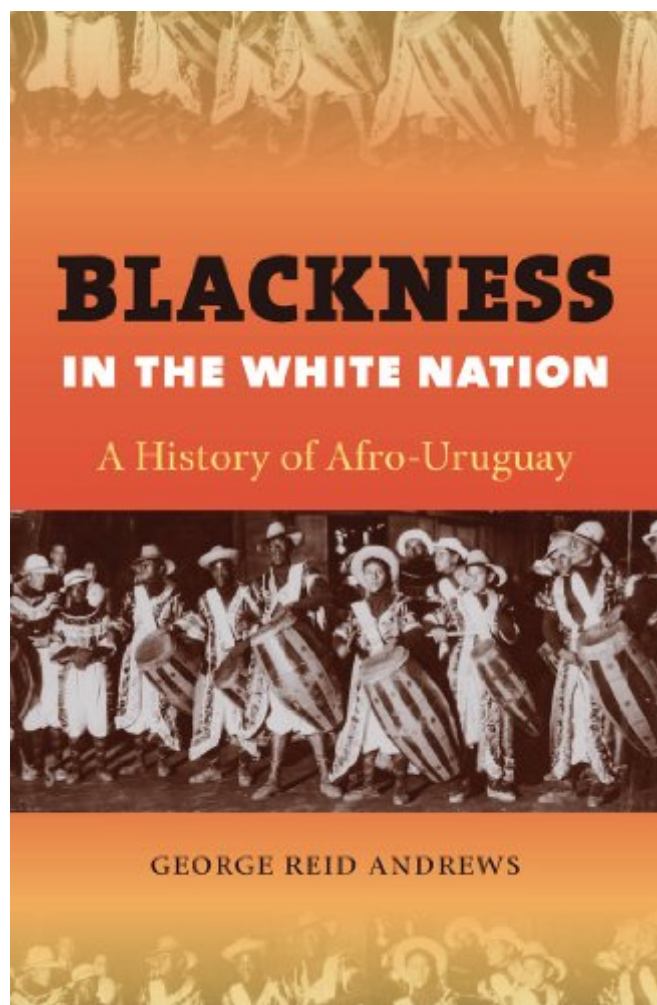


The book was found

Blackness In The White Nation: A History Of Afro-Uruguay



Synopsis

Uruguay is not conventionally thought of as part of the African diaspora, yet during the period of Spanish colonial rule, thousands of enslaved Africans arrived in the country. Afro-Uruguayans played important roles in Uruguay's national life, creating the second-largest black press in Latin America, a racially defined political party, and numerous social and civic organizations. Afro-Uruguayans were also central participants in the creation of Uruguayan popular culture and the country's principal musical forms, tango and candombe. Candombe, a style of African-inflected music, is one of the defining features of the nation's culture, embraced equally by white and black citizens. In *Blackness in the White Nation*, George Reid Andrews offers a comprehensive history of Afro-Uruguayans from the colonial period to the present. Showing how social and political mobilization is intertwined with candombe, he traces the development of Afro-Uruguayan racial discourse and argues that candombe's evolution as a central part of the nation's culture has not fundamentally helped the cause of racial equality. Incorporating lively descriptions of his own experiences as a member of a candombe drumming and performance group, Andrews consistently connects the struggles of Afro-Uruguayans to the broader issues of race, culture, gender, and politics throughout Latin America and the African diaspora generally.

Book Information

File Size: 1620 KB

Print Length: 255 pages

Publisher: The University of North Carolina Press; New edition edition (October 18, 2010)

Publication Date: October 18, 2010

Sold by: Amazon Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B0042X9O8K

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Not Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Not Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #1,641,721 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #36

in Books > History > Americas > South America > Uruguay #490 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > History > Historical Study > Social History > Race & Ethnicity #780 in Kindle Store >

Customer Reviews

Visitors to Uruguay (there aren't very many from North America!) are often surprised to find a vibrant Black culture there, with strong affinities to Afro-Caribbean religion and art forms. Years ago I went to a candombe show in Montevideo and was absolutely floored--it was the most sensual dance performance I had ever seen. The company was all Black, so I was surprised when reading this book to learn that candombe as an art form has been thoroughly integrated into Uruguayan culture to the extent that white Uruguayos perform it too. This is a fascinating work of semi-popular sociology addressing how race plays out in a culture quite different from our own. It is full of surprises. Who knew that in 1950 the Cuban bandleader Xavier Cugat and his American wife Abbe Lane were invited to be the presiding royalty of Carnival, and the greatest of the Afro-Uruguayan Carnival "vedettes" (a word lifted from French, meaning "starlet" but more accurately here, "hottie"), Martha Gularte of the performance club Anoranzas Negras, set out to show Lane up--and did so, devastatingly: "a dance of mystery, of the jungle...a true religious rite on the altar of the night, inflamed with desire," said the newspaper "La Tribuna Popular." But the author's take-home is that the role of candombe has not fundamentally improved the socioeconomic status of black Uruguayans after all. A very good read for anyone "into" the sociology of race relations and the connections between stereotypes, both good and bad, and social reality. Meanwhile, if you go to Montevideo (which has long suffered from playing Oakland to Buenos Aires's San Francisco across the river), go to a good candombe club. You won't regret it.

I am Uruguayan and it is incredibly challenging to find literature about my own people. This book specifically looks at the African/Indigenous roots of Uruguay and how certain aspects were appropriated by white Europeans. It looks most specifically through the lens of Carnival and Candombe music. It was amazing and I learned so much about my culture. I LOVE this book.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Blackness in the White Nation: A History of Afro-Uruguay Uruguay (Bradt Travel Guide Uruguay)
Lonely Planet Argentina: Uruguay & Paraguay (Lonely Planet Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay)
Paises Guay: El Uruguay es el Paraguay antiguo y el Paraguay es el Uruguay de los
trÃfÃ picos (Spanish Edition) La Hora Vasca del Uruguay: GÃfÃ©nesis y desarrollo del
nacionalismo vasco en Uruguay (1825-1960) (Spanish Edition) World History, Ancient History,
Asian History, United States History, European History, Russian History, Indian History, African

History. (world history) The Boundaries of Blackness: AIDS and the Breakdown of Black Politics In the Wake: On Blackness and Being Dark Matters: On the Surveillance of Blackness On Racial Icons: Blackness and the Public Imagination (Pinpoints) Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America Modern Blackness: Nationalism, Globalization, and the Politics of Culture in Jamaica (Latin America Otherwise) Venus in the Dark: Blackness and Beauty in Popular Culture Catching Hell In The City Of Angels: Life And Meanings Of Blackness In South Central Los Angeles (Critical American Studies) Afrocentric Sermons: The Beauty of Blackness in the Bible Speculative Blackness: The Future of Race in Science Fiction White Mountain Guide: AMC's Comprehensive Guide To Hiking Trails In The White Mountain National Forest (Appalachian Mountain Club White Mountain Guide) How White Folks Got So Rich: The Untold Story of American White Supremacy (The Architecture of White Supremacy Book Series) Perfect Paperback Ã¢â¬â 2017 Afro-Cuban Diasporas in the Atlantic World (Rochester Studies in African History and the Diaspora)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)