DIASPORIC BLACKNESS: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ARTURO ALFONSO SCHOMBURG BY VANESSA K. VALDÉS

Casarae Gibson

ABSTRACT

Schomburg was a Puerto Rican-born Black historian living in New York City at the time of the Harlem Renaissance. He arrived to the city from San Juan, Puerto Rico at the age of 17 in 1891, and from the get go, he began to navigate being Black and Latino in the United States. “Here we have a Black man with a German last name with a Spanish accent in NYC in the 19th century,” says Vanessa K. Valdés, associate professor at the City College of New York and author of Diasporic Blackness: The Life and Times of Arturo Alfonso Schomburg. “And so all of that, his very being challenges what we think of blackness Diasporic Blackness: The Life and Times of Arturo Alfonso Schomburg by Vanessa K. Valdés. Don't Call Us Dead: Poems by Danez Smith. Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower by Brittney Cooper. About the Schomburg Shop: "Your Black Bookstore Uptown". An emporium for products related to the global Black experience, the Schomburg Shop has many items ranging from classic and contemporary books for adults and children, unique gifts, and an exclusive collaborations and products designed for the Schomburg Center.