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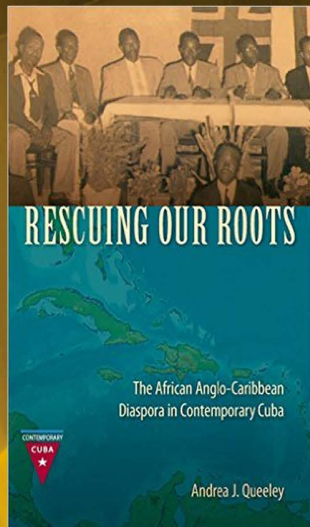
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Book Presentation by Author Andrea J. Queeley

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During Cuba's Special Period, the children and grandchildren of early 20th-century British West Indian immigrants spearheaded the revitalization of Anglo-Caribbean Cuban institutions and community. This book turns an ethnographic lens onto those black Cubans in Santiago and Guantánamo who moved to "rescue the roots" nearly 70 years after the bulk of immigrants arrived in Cuba, providing insight into local and regional identity formations that can emerge from intra-Caribbean migration as well as into racial politics in revolutionary Cuba. Engaging scholarship on diaspora and black subject formation, this examination of a diaspora within a diaspora provides a window into strategies and modes of black belonging that shift across time, space, and place.

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