

# African Americans and the Mexican Revolution: 1910-1920



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## An Uncovering History

The Mexican Revolution, a period of turmoil and transformation that shook Mexico from 1910 to 1920, has captured the imagination of historians and the general public alike. However, one aspect of the revolution that has often been overlooked is the significant role played by African Americans.

In his groundbreaking book, "African Americans and the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1920," historian J. William Harris uncovers the fascinating and often-forgotten story of these individuals. Drawing on a wealth of archival research, Harris reveals how African Americans were not merely bystanders in the revolution but active participants who fought for justice and equality.

## **Challenging Stereotypes**

Harris challenges long-held stereotypes of African Americans during this period. He shows that they were not simply farm laborers or menial workers but also skilled artisans, professionals, and community leaders. Moreover, he demonstrates that they were not universally supportive of the revolutionary movement but rather held a range of views, reflecting their own experiences and aspirations.

One particularly striking example is the story of William Dorsey, an African American from Texas who served as a general in the revolutionary army. Dorsey led a brigade of Mexican and African American soldiers in numerous battles and played a crucial role in securing the victory of Venustiano Carranza's constitutionalist faction.

## **Seeking Racial Equality**

While many African Americans saw the revolution as an opportunity to fight for their own rights, they also recognized that their struggle was intertwined with that of the Mexican people. They formed alliances with Mexican revolutionaries and fought alongside them to overthrow the oppressive regime of Porfirio Díaz.

One of the most significant contributions of African Americans to the revolution was their efforts to promote racial equality. They established newspapers and organizations to educate Mexicans about the evils of racism and discrimination. They also worked to build solidarity between African Americans and Mexicans, recognizing that their shared experiences of oppression had created a common bond.

## **A Legacy Yet to be Fulfilled**

Despite their significant contributions, the role of African Americans in the Mexican Revolution has been largely ignored. Harris's book is a timely and important contribution to the historiography of the revolution, shedding light on a fascinating and often-overlooked aspect of the events.

Ultimately, the story of African Americans in the Mexican Revolution is one of courage, resilience, and the pursuit of justice. It is a reminder that the struggle for equality is a long and ongoing one and that it requires the contributions of people from all backgrounds working together.

J. William Harris's book, "African Americans and the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1920," is an essential read for anyone interested in the history of the revolution, American history, or the African American experience. It is a powerful and inspiring story that challenges stereotypes, celebrates diversity, and reminds us that the pursuit of justice is a universal human aspiration.

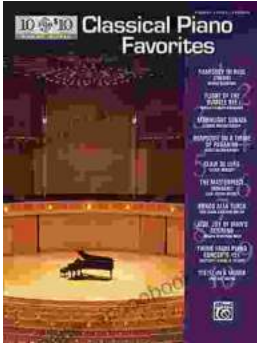


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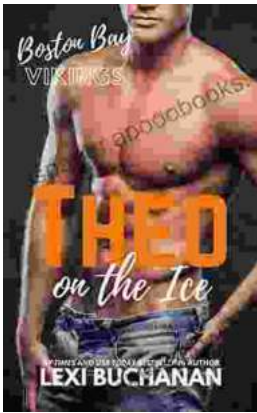
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