



Historically Black: Imagining Community in a Black Historic District (Hardback)

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New York University Press, United States, 2014. Hardback. Condition: New. New. Language: English . Brand New Book ****** Print on Demand ******. In Historically Black, Mieka Brand Polanco examines the concept of community in the United States: how communities are experienced and understood, the complex relationship between human beings and their social and physical landscapes-and how the term community is sometimes conjured to feign a cohesiveness that may not actually exist. Drawing on ethnographic and historical materials from Union, Virginia, Historically Black offers a nuanced and sensitive portrait of a federally recognized Historic District under the category Ethnic Heritage-Black. Since Union has been home to a racially mixed population since at least the late 19th century, calling it historically black poses some curious existential questions to the black residents who currently live there. Union s identity as a historically black community encourages a perception of the town as a monochromatic and monohistoric landscape, effectively erasing both old-timer white residents and newcomer black residents while allowing newer white residents to take on a proud role as preservers of history. Gestures to community gloss an oversimplified perspective of race, history and space that conceals much of the richness (and contention) of lived...



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