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Reading Level: Suitable for ages 12+

Author Bio:

Paul Crooks was the first African Caribbean person to trace his African ancestry from the UK through Jamaica back over 200 years to Africa, using historical records. His groundbreaking research led to national media coverage and inspired his writing and public speaking career. Paul is recognised as a pioneer in African Caribbean genealogy and a leading voice on Black ancestry and historical identity.

Book Summary:

This highly accessible guidebook empowers readers to begin or deepen their journey into African Caribbean genealogy. Drawing on the author's personal research, it reveals how to find ancestors despite slavery's legacy of erasure. Paul Crooks combines step-by-step instructions, case studies, and powerful reflections to guide readers through UK, Jamaican, and African records.

Unique Value to Libraries and Distributors:

- First-of-its-kind guide by the pioneer of African Caribbean genealogy
- Broad appeal across diaspora communities and cultural institutions
- Step-by-step instruction and context ideal for independent learners and educators
- Provides historical insight into Caribbean-British-African linkages
- Aligns with library commitments to inclusive, culturally significant collections
- Strong demand for ancestry and identity-focused nonfiction among general audiences

Availability:

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