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Synopsis

La Autobiografía del esclavo Juan Francisco Manzano es un texto de referencia en la cultura y la política cubana del siglo XIX.

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Juan Francisco Manzano (1797-). Cuba. En algún día del mes de agosto de 1797 nació, esclavo, el primer hombre de piel negra que leyó en público en Cuba sus propios poemas. Se trataba del soneto «Mis treinta años», leído en la tertulia de Domingo del Monte en 1836 y publicado un año después. El poeta tenía cuarenta años y cierta fama lo había precedido en aquella incursión. Quince años atrás había publicado con licencia de sus amos, Cantos a Lesbia en 1821 y luego, en 1830, Flores Pasajeras (sic), de los cuales no se conserva ni un solo ejemplar. De aquella lectura y del interés de Del Monte surgió la idea de recaudar los 850 pesos que exigía la dueña para comprar la libertad de Manzano, de modo que en 1837 era ya libre cuando fueron publicados en El aguinaldo habanero los sonetos «A la ciudad de Matanzas» y «Mis treinta años». De aquella lectura del año 1836 salió también la proposición de Del Monte para que el esclavo escribiera su autobiografía. Su primera parte fue publicada primero en inglés gracias al interés de Richard R. Madden, quien tradujo una copia corregida por Anselmo Suárez y Romero. Sólo mucho después apareció la versión original. La segunda parte de la

Autobiografía de Manzano se perdió .

I foolishly bought this copy because it was cheaper than any others, not realizing how difficult it would be to read an edition other than the one my college bookstore was selling. The book is, obviously, the autobiography of a slave, and as such is extremely difficult for a modern reader to read due to different spelling, punctuation, and word choice. Other editions have the original text on one side of a page and a more basic summary/translation on the other, but this one is THE ORIGINAL TEXT with no annotation or changes. If you're looking for the text EXACTLY how it was written, this may be your book, but for me it was almost impossible to read and understand.

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Just a forewarning, this book is in its original form and not in the modernized Spanish. With that being said, it is difficult to read at times. But I think it makes the story more raw and empowering!

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