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As a young child, one of Schomburg's teachers declared that blacks had no history, heroes or accomplishments. From then on, he began a lifelong endeavor, to find and document the history of the African diaspora. A native of Puerto Rico, he immigrated to New York City, where he became a key figure in the Harlem Renaissance. Arturo was a historian, writer and activist. In 1926, the New York Public Library purchased his collection and hired him as a curator.