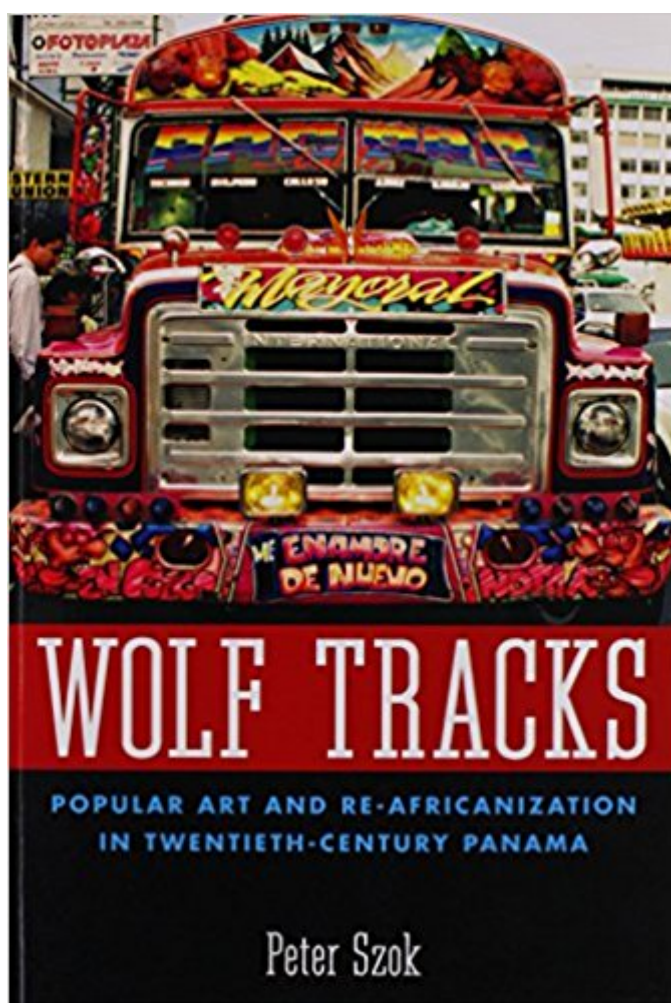


The book was found

# Wolf Tracks: Popular Art And Re-Africanization In Twentieth-Century Panama (Caribbean Studies Series)



## Synopsis

Popular art is a masculine and working-class genre, associated with Panama's black population. Its practitioners are self-taught, commercial painters, whose high-toned designs, vibrant portraits, and landscapes appear in cantinas, barbershops, and restaurants. The red devil buses are popular art's most visible manifestation. The old school buses are imported from the United States and provide public transportation in Colón and Panama City. Their owners hire the artists to attract customers with eye-catching depictions of singers and actors, brassy phrases, and vivid representations of both local and exotic panoramas. The red devils boast powerful stereo systems and dominate the urban environment with their blasting reggae, screeching brakes, horns, sirens, whistles, and roaring mufflers. *Wolf Tracks* analyzes the origins of these practices, tying them to rebellious, Afro-American festival traditions, and to the rumba craze of the mid-twentieth century. During World War II, thousands of U.S. soldiers were stationed in Panama, and elaborately decorated cabarets opened to cater to their presence. These venues often featured touring Afro-Cuban musicians. Painters such as Luis "The Wolf" Evans exploited such moments of modernization to challenge the elite and its older conception of Panama as a country with little connection to Africa. While the intellectual class fled from modernization and asserted a romantic and mestizo (European-indigenous) vision of the republic, popular artists enthusiastically embraced the new influences to project a powerful sense of blackness. *Wolf Tracks* includes biographies of dozens of painters, as well as detailed discussions of mestizo nationalism, soccer, reggae, and other markers of Afro-Panamanian identity.

## Book Information

Series: Caribbean Studies Series

Paperback: 296 pages

Publisher: University Press of Mississippi (September 1, 2014)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1628461721

ISBN-13: 978-1628461725

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #1,207,481 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #51 in Books > History >

Americas > Central America > Panama #3908 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social

## Customer Reviews

•Peter Szokâ™s *Wolf Tracks: Popular Art and Re-Africanization in Twentieth-Century Panama* is a wonderful book. The author opens up a whole new vista in Afro-Atlantic studies, with telling detail and enormous insight. Open this book and be blessed by a must-read text that puts black popular art in Panama on the map forever.

•Robert Farris Thompson, author of *Tango: The Art History of Love and Aesthetic of the Cool: Afro-Atlantic Art & Music*œAn informative and engaging history based on extensive field research of diasporic popular culture in one of the major crossroads of the Black Atlantic.

•George Reid Andrews, author of *Afro-Latin America, 1800â“2000*

Peter Szok is associate professor of history at Texas Christian University. He is the author of *La Ultima Gaviota*,â™ *Liberalism and Nostalgia in Early Twentieth-Century Panama*.

*Wolf Tracks* is a must for anyone interested in the African influence of art in everyday Panamanian society. The *Diablo Rojo* is an important aspect of the Panamanian culture and this books breaks down the history and culture associated with it. Peter Szok puts it in a historical context and even discusses the dynamics of race in the national Panamanian identity.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

*Wolf Tracks: Popular Art and Re-Africanization in Twentieth-Century Panama* (Caribbean Studies Series) Panama: The best Panama Travel Guide The Best Travel Tips About Where to Go and What to See in Panama city: (Panama tour guide, Panama travel ... Travel to Panama) Most Popular Caribbean Recipes Quick & Easy!: Essential West Indian Food Recipes from the Caribbean Islands (Caribbean recipes, Caribbean recipes old ... recipes cookbook, West Indian cooking) Costa Rica, Nicaragua & Panama Handbook: Travel guide to Costa Rica, Nicaragua & Panama (Footprint Costa Rica, Nicaragua & Panama Handbook) Composing for the State: Music in Twentieth-Century Dictatorships (Musical Cultures of the Twentieth Century) Scats and Tracks of Alaska Including the Yukon and British Columbia: A Field Guide To The Signs Of Sixty-Nine Wildlife Species (Scats and Tracks Series) Scats and Tracks of the Northeast: A Field Guide to the Signs of 70 Wildlife Species (Scats and Tracks Series) Animal Tracks: A Folding Pocket Guide to the Tracks & Signs of Familiar North American Species (A Pocket Naturalist Guide) Big Book of Backing Tracks: 200 High-Quality Play-Along Tracks in All Styles *Wolf Willow: A History, a Story, and a Memory of the Last Plains*

Frontier (Penguin Twentieth-Century Classics) Lipstick Traces: A Secret History of the Twentieth Century, Twentieth Anniversary Edition Cruising the Southern and Western Caribbean: A Guide to the Ships & the Ports of Call (Cruising the Southern and Western Caribbean) (Cruising the Southern & Western Caribbean) Paris in Panama / Paris en Panama: Robert Lewis and the History of His Restored Art Works in the National Theatre of Panam Selling Women's History: Packaging Feminism in Twentieth-Century American Popular Culture Something New Under the Sun: An Environmental History of the Twentieth-Century World (The Global Century Series) Revolution And Intervention In Grenada: The New Jewel Movement, The United States, And The Caribbean (Westview Special Studies on Latin America and the Caribbean) Box Set: Diary Of A Lone Wolf - Lobo: Buy 3 Get 1 Free + Secret Server Bonus At End! (Unofficial Minecraft Books) (Lone Wolf Series) Diary Of A Lone Wolf Vol.1: Lobo (unofficial minecraft books) (Lone Wolf Series) Diary of a Minecraft Lone Wolf (Dog) - Book 2: Unofficial Minecraft Diary Books for Kids, Teens, & Nerds - Adventure Fan Fiction Series (Skeleton Steve ... Diaries Collection - Dakota the Lone Wolf) Diary of a Minecraft Lone Wolf (Dog) - Book 3: Unofficial Minecraft Diary Books for Kids, Teens, & Nerds - Adventure Fan Fiction Series (Skeleton Steve ... Diaries Collection - Dakota the Lone Wolf)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)