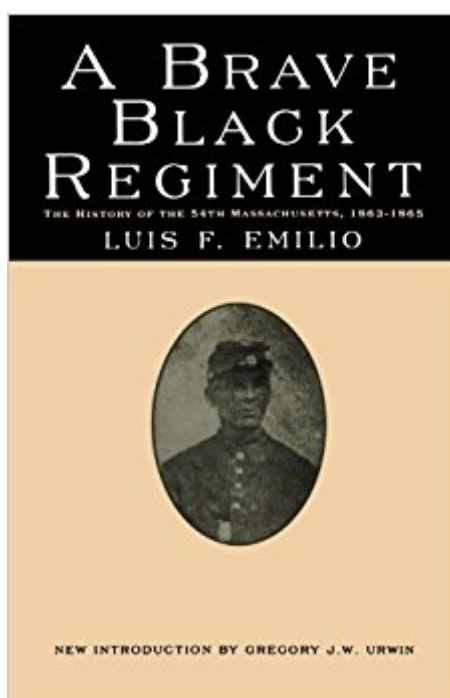


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Not very well well written, not interesting from the authors view point.

A Brave Black Regiment Captain Luis F. Emilio

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