

# The Kingdom Of The Netherlands In The Caribbean. Bio Notes: Biografische gegevens van de auteurs



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1996 publication *Het kamp van Broos en Kaliko. De geschiedenis van een Afro-Surinaamse familie*. Amsterdam: Prometheus, that will get an English version this year or next year. In collaboration with Okke ten Hove and Heinrich Helstone, he is publishing a series of books on the abolition of slavery in *Suriname 1863: Surinaamse Emancipatie. Familienamen en plantages*. Amsterdam/Utrecht: Rozenberg Publishers, IBS & CLACS, heeft voor de AVP verschillende politieke functies bekleed en was onder and *Surinaamse Emancipatie: Paramaribo: Slaven en Eigenaren*. Amsterdam/Utrecht: Rozenberg Publisher, IBS & CLACS.

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