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Ambrose Elliott Gonzales (1857–1926) was born on a plantation in Colleton County, South Carolina. Gonzales was the son of Colonel Ambrosio José Gonzales and Harriet Rutledge Elliot. His father was a Colonel in the Confederate Army who played an instrumental role in the defenses of South Carolina during the American Civil War. Prior to this his father was a Cuban revolutionary leader who opposed oppressive Spanish rule. His mother was the daughter of the wealthy South Carolina rice planter, state senator and writer, William Elliott.

In 1922 Gonzales wrote his famous "The Black Border: Gullah Stories of the Carolina Coast", a collection of forty-two short stories illustrating the life, humor, philosophy, and quaint speech of these little-known, but unique and interesting blacks of the South Carolina rice-fields and sea islands—a persisting remnant of the earliest slave-cargoes from the West Coast of Africa.

In this book Gonzales has shown himself a master not only of the language but also of the quaint humor of the Gullah of this region. Prior to this publication these stories had never been collected into book form.

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