

Hello, my name is Ace

and I'll be talking about Albert Clemens,

a.k.a. Cripple Clarence Lofton.

In the book "Black Art History 101"

the passage reads:

"Can you dance, sing, whistle,

and play an instrument all at the same time?"

Albert Clemens could, and did.

Clemens got his stage name Cripple Clarence Lofton

because he was born with a limp.

He was a tap dancer, a boogie woogie piano player

and a singer.

He even owned a nightclub in Chicago in the 1940's.

I personally chose him as he can dance and sing

at the same time,

something that I've been trying to learn,

because it's just a really fun thing to do for me.

I love dancing and singing and music.

Music is something really inspirational for everyone.

It's so great,

it's one of the most useful things anyone could have,

so inspirational for me,

and I love just having music in the background.

Music is something great for me,

and for everyone in the world

because it's made for everyone

and it has all these genres

I love dancing and I love singing

I think doing both is really fun and amazing.

I want to perform for a crowd one day

and maybe be just like Albert Clemens.

If doing what I love, is what makes me happy,

- and it's what makes me happy -
and I can't wait to do things like that in the future.
Leroy Moore is my uncle and he's disabled.
I learn more about Black disabled people's history
to educate myself
and learn more about what history was like for them.
It's something that lots of people can do
to educate themselves - on anything,
if you don't know much about a certain group,
a minority,
a bunch of people,
maybe history itself -
going back and learning and reading about it
is really helpful to keep yourself educated.
"Black Art History 101" displays a lot of people
that most might not know.
History is always important - to know where we came from
and important to learn about people back then.
This book is important to me and Black disabled people.
My uncle wrote it to honor other Black disabled artists.
He's also an artist and a poet
and founder of Krip Hop Nation.
He's currently at UCLA studying for his PhD
and I can't wait to live with him in L.A.
He has made other books such as:
Black Disabled Ancestors
Krip Hop Graphic Novel
Black Kripple delivers Poetry and Lyrics
Growing up in Visalia: Quest for Identity
I'm so happy for him for his amazing achievements
and I'm always here to support him.
Thank you.