

Authentically Black

Essays for the Black Silent Majority

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G O T H A M B O O K S

Linguistics
What was losing the
what was important
you say you are a centrist
not right

Jesse Jackson
All Shington
Randall R.
McWhorter grew up in
Phil - a specialist
in the history of Creole
languages
1st radio interview KPFA
in 1995 on the N word
told mother at S I wanted
to be a ^{book} writer

Could a white
write this book?
My mother - a Prof.
of Social work.
Putgers - Bachelor
and -80's Degree
Stanford University

Victims - WEB Dubois - title authenticity Black

My spousal of affirmative actions

this is not a book for academics or intellectuals

Don't talk about self-empowerment when whites can hear
"strong at home victims in public"

whites have gone ~~as far~~ as far as they will; the rest of the
job is ours.

"The new double consciousness" - Dubois
a Quarter in a coffee cup on the corner P32

WEB Dubois vs. Kwasi Mfume and Jesse J
his job to list black miseries

Amazon.com review p10 - hated me who wrote

Don't let whites hear us saying we're successful
Most black people are not poor.

We want white people to like us

When are whites on the hook and off the hook p24
Mary Frances Berry and the Democratic Party - what they
want p25*

Whites want "to turn the clock back" "Where's the
evidence"

Television and films -

Blacks - 20 hours a week whites 47

Is there a scarcity of positive portrayals on TV

"I love TV"

Chapter about Primitivism Blues by Donald Boggs

Boop deal on vinyl 68'

NAACP - takes on big three -

Beulah

Eddie Murphy

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Black politics is minting no new Al Shorpton p 61
Amazon reviews of Losing the Race - "educated sounding voice"
What do think of the War on Drugs
1 out 3 black men in jail or criminal justice system

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Profiling encourages 3 strains of thought

- ① The adoption of victimhood as a racial identity
- ② The cult of separatism
- ③ the cult of anti-intellectualism

Tupac Shakes

O.J. - verdict payback for LAPD.

A Reason in the Sun

The Hudgys

Roc - TV show

E Boner 1996

Black school boards in
Detroit are Phil.

Amadou Diallo - not naked hostility p 54
Mainstream media interested in supporting victimology
racial profiling - today's main enabler to today's
sentiment to be "authentically black".

History ch. 7

Mother Africa ideology
African history traces to Ancient Egypt -
has no factual basis

Kwame Ninsin - 30 yrs. old. - 7 principles p 181

Swahili - spoken in 4 of 4 dozen countries

Black History Month - blacks aren't visibly moved
by these ancestors

Bronzeville (Chicago)

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Robinson appalled at Howard graduation
Black undergrad says "thank you in French, German,
Italian rather than Swahili, Chichewa and Wolof

Negatives
Hites racial dating - any woman under 40 who has
not been romantically involved with a black man is
an exception About the Author - single culture?

Being African according Robinson - same as
4 dozen countries speaking 1000 diff. languages
Most slaves were obtained by African King in intertribal
war

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Chap 3 Reparations "the marvelous inevitability
of interracial mixture"

Statement on Robinson p 99 - "ideology does not
represent me"

Derrick Bell - "fellow band of data - light pessimism"
Affirmative action and quotas originally comes
from whites p 92

at UC Berkeley By Any Means Necessary has barely
a black person in it.

Robinson only devotes 3 pages to solution

Word -

Harry Truman called Adam C. Powell
that damned nigger preacher"

Called a nigger by a hard drinking working class
white man in my apartment complex in Redwood
City, CA. in 1994 - I had won a fight

Cornel West

Larry Summers - he could have changed
something other than "racism"
I see it differently - "that serious academic work
is optional for black intellectuals" p230

3 piece suit - in honor of Dubois
CD's allegiance to Tupac

Sharpton - "But above all, the academic is dedicated
to seeking truth and Al Sharpton is quite
simply an inveterate liar

official black leaders will irrelevant to program

p236

Rain bow coalition - main purpose "to line the pockets of Jesse Jackson's rich friends period"

Get observation from Kenneth Tamm's 'Shakedown' "an urgent document"

Jackson "has no effect on the lives of most black Amer."

Shayton - "an opportunist cartoon"

M. J. Jones and Bond

goes for the glitz

Adam Clayton Powell

Endorses Star Parker

John Bryant - Center for New Black Leadership
Operation Hope - buy your own home

Rev. Eugene Rivers of Boston - Ten Point Coalition

drop 5 Diversity

UC Berkeley President Richard Atkinson
and racial preferences

Is racism the only thing preventing Black students from doing well in school? p161

The new definition of diversity helps no one.

What are two-tier admission policies

We're taught to resist "becoming white"

What is "white guilt"

Should
Learn

Mendez - spoken in Series Learn
a need for positive history - more
than any other groups

Shelby Steele
Jonathan Kozol

Colin Powell
bell hooks
Thomas Sowell
Tavis Smiley
Michael Eric Dyson
Randall Robinson
Randall Kennedy
Cornel West
Shelby Steele
Henry Louis Gates