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#### Review

"[*White Rage*] is an extraordinarily timely and urgent call to confront the legacy of structural racism bequeathed by white anger and resentment, and to show its continuing threat to the promise of American democracy." - Editor's Choice, *New York Times Book Review*

"[A] slim but persuasive volume . . . A sobering primer on the myriad ways African American resilience and triumph over enslavement, Jim Crow and intolerance have been relentlessly defied by the very institutions entrusted to uphold our democracy." - *Washington Post*

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"Anderson has shown, with her well-sourced (she has several hundred detailed footnotes) and readable book, why the fights over race and access to the perquisites of American citizenship grind on . . . *White Rage* lends perspective and insight for those of us who are willing to confront, study and learn from the present situation in this country." - *St. Louis Dispatch*

"In every episode of *White Rage* Anderson amplifies and elongates this initial claim [white America's seething resistance to African Americans' sociopolitical advancements] into a striking argument about the nation's failure to recognize African Americans as full members the citizenry. Though stretching a stand-alone essay into an extended study doesn't work very often, *White Rage* operates efficiently and elegantly, offering readers new intelligence about American experience. Following Anderson, one gains insight by accrual." - *Lit Hub*

"It's shocking, beautifully written, and, with white supremacy knocking on the White House door, more important than ever. Some books are great, some books are essential. *White Rage* is the latter." - Ed Yong, *The Millions*

"Powerful . . . Like a meticulous prosecutor assembling her case, Anderson lays out a profoundly upsetting vision of an America driven to waves of reactionary white anger whenever it's confronted with black achievement." - *Bookforum*

"Bracing . . . It might all seem very conspiratorial and cloak-and-dagger, were it not also true. Reading through all the frightfully inventive ways in which America makes racial inequality a matter of law (and order) has a dizzying effect: like watching a quick-cut montage of social injustice spanning nearly half a millennium." - *The Globe and Mail*

"[F]or readers who want to understand the sense of grievance and pain that many African Americans feel today, *White Rage* offers a clearly written and well-thought-out overview of an aspect of U.S. history with which the country is still struggling to come to terms." - *Foreign Affairs*

"Prescient . . . provides necessary perspective on the racial conflagrations in the U.S." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"Anderson's mosaic of white outrage deserves contemplation by anyone interested in understanding U.S.

race relations, past and present." - *Library Journal*

"[An] engaging, thought-provoking work . . . Anderson's clear, ardent prose detailing the undermining of America's stated ideals and democratic norms is required reading for anyone interested in the state of American social discourse." - *Booklist*

"Few historians write with the grace, clarity, and intellectual verve Carol Anderson summons in this book. We are tethered to history, and with *White Rage*, Anderson adeptly highlights both that past and the tenacious grip race holds on the present. There is a handful of writers whose work I consider indispensable. Professor Anderson is high up on that list." - William Jelani Cobb, author of *THE SUBSTANCE OF HOPE*

"*White Rage* is a harrowing account of our national history during the century and a half since the Civil War--even more troubling for what it exposes about our present, our deep and abiding racial divide. This is necessary reading for anyone interested in understanding--and perfecting--our union." - Natasha Trethewey, Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *NATIVE GUARD* and Two-term Poet Laureate of the United States

"To overcome our racial history, Americans must first learn our racial history--as it truly and painfully happened. This powerful book is the place to start." - David Von Drehle, author of *RISE TO GREATNESS: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND AMERICA'S MOST PERILOUS YEAR*

#### About the Author

**Carol Anderson** is the Charles Howard Candler Professor and Chair of African American Studies at Emory University. She is the author of many books and articles, including *Bourgeois Radicals: The NAACP and the Struggle for Colonial Liberation, 1941-1960* and *Eyes Off the Prize: The United Nations and the African American Struggle for Human Rights: 1944-1955*. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

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