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Praise for Henry Louis Gates's *Life Upon These Shores*

"A distinguished scholar surveys, with lavish illustrations, 500 years of the African-American experience. . . . From the conquistadors and the origins of slavery, through the Revolutionary period,

the rise of abolitionism, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the Jim Crow era, the Great Migration, both World Wars and the 20th century civil-rights movement, up to President Obama's election, the supremely qualified Gates guides us through centuries of history . . . stunning illustrations . . . striking, comprehensive." -*Kirkus Reviews*

"You can't beat the fresh and heady scholarship of *Life Upon These Shores*...Challenging the notion of a single 'Black Experience,' Gates contextualizes his narrative with more than 800 images and doesn't duck controversy." -*Library Journal*

"Gates documents the famous, the obscure, and the long forgotten...[A] chronicle of the pressing issues and events of each generation and the incredible diversity covered by the appellation African American. A tour de force." -*Booklist*

"Meticulously researched...a book that truly celebrates the resilience and achievements of African-Americans." -*BlackAmericaWeb.com*

"Gates avoids cliché, meticulously illuminating the influence and contributions of Blacks in America: from African conquistadors to the election of President Barack Obama. This ambitious title redefines the relevancy of the past to our lives." -*Uptown Magazine*

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"Compiled with rigorous ambition and scholarship by Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., this book weaves nearly 900 images and reams of clear-eyed storytelling into an extraordinary chronology. Not only does a breathtaking range of African-American expression and experience emerge, a portrait of independence, fortitude and deep faith—the essence of *American* life—comes shining through." -*NPR* (Best Gift Books of 2012)

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"Reading *Life Upon These Shores* is like walking through history one day at a time. The rich content of this book pulls the reader in many different directions, and yet Mr. Gates keeps the direction focused...With each new story we sit at Mr. Gate's feet, rest our chin in our hands, and listen and learn...Mr. Gates makes us richer with the knowledge of what went before—and what can be in the future." -*New York Journal of Books*

"This is not a book to plunk down on the coffee table and flip through on occasion. It deserves to be read and read closely, short essay by short essay." -*Philly Online*

"[Gates] tells things the way they were, not the way we would like them to be...This book pulls together a valuable account of the African-American experience upon these shores. It is worth a read by all Americans who want to learn where we have been as a nation." -*Houston Chronicle*

"A stupendous undertaking...a cornucopia of riches...conceptualized and executed with loving care and rigorous intellectual grounding." -*Counterpunch*

"An amazing compendium of information...it is enlightening to have a wide-angle lens turned on this

epic, to see a picture of the whole." -*Arts Critic Atlanta*

About the Author Henry Louis Gates, Jr., is the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and the director of the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University. He is editor in chief of the Oxford African American Studies Center and of the daily online magazine *The Root*. He has received more than forty honorary degrees from institutions the world over.

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