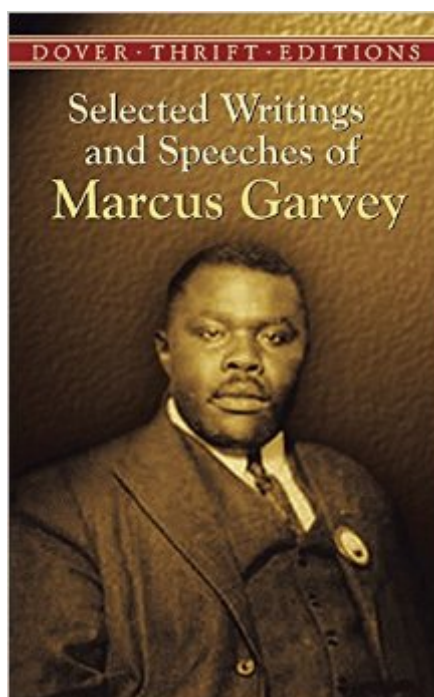


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Synopsis

One of the most important and controversial figures in the history of race relations in America and the world at large, Marcus Garvey was the first great black orator of the twentieth century. The Jamaican-born African-American rights advocate dismayed his enemies as much as he dazzled his admirers. Of him, Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "He was the first man, on a mass scale and level, to give millions of Negroes a sense of dignity and destiny, and make the Negro feel that he was somebody." A printer and newspaper editor in his youth, Garvey furthered his education in England and eventually traveled to the United States, where he impressed thousands with his speeches and millions more through his newspaper articles. His message of black pride resonated in all his efforts. This anthology contains some of his most noted writings, among them "The Negro's Greatest Enemy," "Declaration of the Rights of the Negro Peoples of the World," and "Africa for the Africans," as well as powerful speeches on unemployment, leadership, and emancipation. Essential reading for students of African-American history, this volume will also serve as a useful reference for anyone interested in the history of the civil rights movement.

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Customer Reviews

The title should have made clear that the selected speeches and writings of Marcus Garvey cover his years in the US only, from 1917-25. It is very rewarding, from a historical point of view, to read authentic words of that most important public figure, so much has been said, written, and filmed about. Especially, since Garvey remains very controversial and a lot has been misinterpreted to this

day. Maybe as a result of the limited time frame covered, some speeches and writings are lacking, which Garvey is most famous for. Among these are more direct references of Ethiopia and her coming King of kings; that Jesus was black-skinned; Garvey's stand on contemporary emerging africanist prophets in the Caribbean and the US. Considering that the introduction avers that Garvey in some twisted way made positive remarks towards Mussolini and Hitler, the corresponding proof of that is most definitely missing in this book, I might say. All these omissions are responsible for the subtraction of a star in my rating. The still high rating has to be seen in providing authentic texts by Garvey himself, not necessarily that I share all the views of Garvey. This is not a book BY Garvey, but a compilation of his speeches/articles, made available to the public. To make that clear: I venerate Marcus Garvey for that what he pushed forward, for challenging the racist system, for following up his visions, for being a human of action, for organising incredible international work and for his martyrdom of the contemporary racist judicial system of the US. Still, he is a product of his times and as Rastafar I am very much aware that both, lacking knowledge and the system's conditioning of all sorts of separation cannot be overcome on a single day or in fact, in a single generation. It is important to enter that path at all. Therefore, some of Garvey's visions and speeches are very much up to date, others are hilariously outdated. In fact, very racist. I am not talking about his vision of "black supremacy", because that is, what is usually said about him (and wrongly interpreted). I am talking about his belief in races, down to the point of actively and sort of forcibly thinking about preventing a "mixing of races", in fact by that agreeing with the KKK, with which he held a meeting (and elaborates on in this book). His vision of very literal repatriation of all the black-skinned to Africa has since been re-interpreted to a metaphorical return of the mind. His fighting for the use of that certain N-word instead of "Coloreds" is most certainly not top of the political correctness as of today, but in a way mirrors interestingly today's controversy of "Black" v "African American". Also, the use of extremely derogatory racist vocabulary hurled at his direct black civil rights rivals is most certainly unacceptable in today's world. In fact, Garvey makes it clear that he thinks of those rivals, such as W.E.B. DuBois as worse enemies than all the white supremacists imaginable. Which makes for a fascinating reading of that human condition to usually fight that the most, which is most close. In that, even though outdated by words, this makes for a thought provoking reading, representative of universal general mechanisms, as every minority harbors the challenging rebels and the system integrationists, fighting each other to the bones, much more than the common downpressor.

I am saddened by the fact that we have allowed others to dictate someone's history. Before reading

this book I envisioned an arrogant, self absorber, ignorant man. But this book makes very clear that Mr. Garvey was an INCREDIBLE man. There has been no one else like him since. He envisioned a country/continent for all people of African ancestry. He spoke for the 400,000,000 (at the time) blacks in the world. He hated no one, but really loved his race. He did not speak negatively about the other races, but spoke of them in a manner of reverence. I do not believe that his beliefs would make sense in today's world, but what would today's world be like if we followed his lead? This book has now opened a window in this history for me. Now I must read W.E.B Debois' book(s). I need to research the NAACP. The only things I did not like about the book was the fact that it was short and only covered a short period of time in his life. I highly recommend this book for those of you who are seeking the truth. It will truly surprise you.

This is the part of History that is being ignored. The writings and speeches of Marcus Garvey is good reading. This is the ugly part of how the blacks in America was divided. If we take a look back and picture a America where ALL blacks stood together on one accord for one purpose, it would not be hard to imagine where we would be now. This book takes my mind to that thought. Marcus Garvey was not a racist, he just loved his race. I loved his writing and what he was trying to accomplish!

Marcus Garvey was not an American, but he spent a good deal of time in the USA. His exploits are really quite interesting and sit in that very strange era of not a great deal of progress between the end of Reconstruction and what we would call the Civil Rights Era of Martin Luther King Jr, Malcolm X, Bobby Seale and the rest. Both the foreign perspective and the look at an era not much covered in civics/civil rights studies is well worth the price of admission. Well referenced too which is something you just can't say about many so called historical works.

This is an awesome read and the speaker has a lot of wisdom as well as a GODLY base. I have been both enlighten and amazingly suprised at his timeliness. This book should be read and kept on every African Americans table or in their library. It is a great book and very inspiring as well as bold and candid.

I found this interesting and motivating. I learned so much about Mr. Marcus Garvey from his speeches. All were in context and little narratives were given about where and what he was doing and situations that occurred in the background which lead to some of the speeches. It was a little

heavy reading at times and took me a while to get through flimsey a book as it is. But worth a read, it's a huge page in black history. .

It's a slim book compared to the volumes done by his wife.... but, it touches the heart the same. How I feel this man in my spirit as I read his words.... Awesome read... re-reading... and re-reading. thnx a million -- it was the last thing ordered -- and it came 1st -- speedy delivery -- 20 starz!!

This is a excellent book on all of Marcus Graveys speeches. It is easy reading. Most of Graveys speeches are long but full of passion. The meanings of his speeches are clear and easy to understand. I enjoyed reading this book. provided excellent service in getting my book to me on time and in great conditon

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