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From Library Journal

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- *Thomas J. Davis, African American Studies, SUNY at Buffalo*

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Review

"Remarkable for its relentless truth-telling, and the depth and thoroughness of its investigation, for the freshness of its sources, and for the shock power of its findings." -- C. Vann Woodward, *New York Review of Books*

From the Back Cover

This is a history of Mississippi's black people, its majority people, and their struggles to achieve autonomy and full citizenship during the critical period of disfranchisement, segregation, and exclusion following 1890.

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