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Philip S. Foner wrote and edited more than 100 books, including *The Black Panthers Speak*, *The History of Black Americans*, and the 10-volume *The History of the Labor Movement in the United States*. **Yuval Taylor** edited *I Was Born a Slave: An Anthology of Classic Slave Narratives*; as editor of Lawrence Hill Books, he directs the Library of Black America series. He lives in Chicago.

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