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This wide-ranging selection of 52 documents in 37 sections locates black nationalism's historical roots and 20th-century sprawl. With an incisive introduction and headnotes, historian Van Deburg (African American studies, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison) insightfully maps the movement's diversity and doctrinal debates, from its foundations to its expression in the Black Power era and into today. The persistent vitality and attraction of black nationalism's core concepts of self-definition and self-determination emerge from the variety of sources?interviews, speeches, pamphlets, and essays. Although the book is without competition as a multifaceted documentary text of modern black nationalism's theoretical assumptions, operational agenda, and promotional efforts, it complements Wilson J. Moses's *Classical Black Nationalism: From the American Revolution to Marcus Garvey* (New York Univ. Pr., 1996) and Van Deburg's *New Day in Babylon: The Black Power Movement and American Culture, 1965-1975* (LJ 8/92). Highly recommended for collections on blacks and U.S. political ideology.?Thomas J. Davis, Arizona State Univ., Tempe
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Review

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"This is the most authoritative scholarly introduction so far to the life of John Russwurm, that enigmatic founder of black nationalism, and the most accessible sampling of his works. Professor James has performed a service to the profession."

-Wilson J. Moses, author of "The Golden Age of Black Nationalism, 1850-1925"

"In this clearly written and widely researched biography Winston James has brought back from unwarranted historical obscurity the life and work of the Pan-Africanist, John Brown Russwurm, a pioneer in the struggle for freedom and equality in the US and Africa in the first half of the nineteenth century."

-Richard Blackett, author of "Building an Antislavery Wall: Black Americans in the Atlantic Abolitionist Movement, 1830-1860".

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