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About the Author Manning Marable, Professor of History and director of the Institute for African-American Studies at Columbia University, has written features in the **New York Times** and the **Nation**. His books include **Race, Reform, and Rebellion**; **Beyond Black and White**; and **Speaking Truth to Power**. His public affairs commentary series, "**Along the Color Line**," is featured in more than 275 newspapers and is broadcast by eighty radio stations in the U.S. and internationally.

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