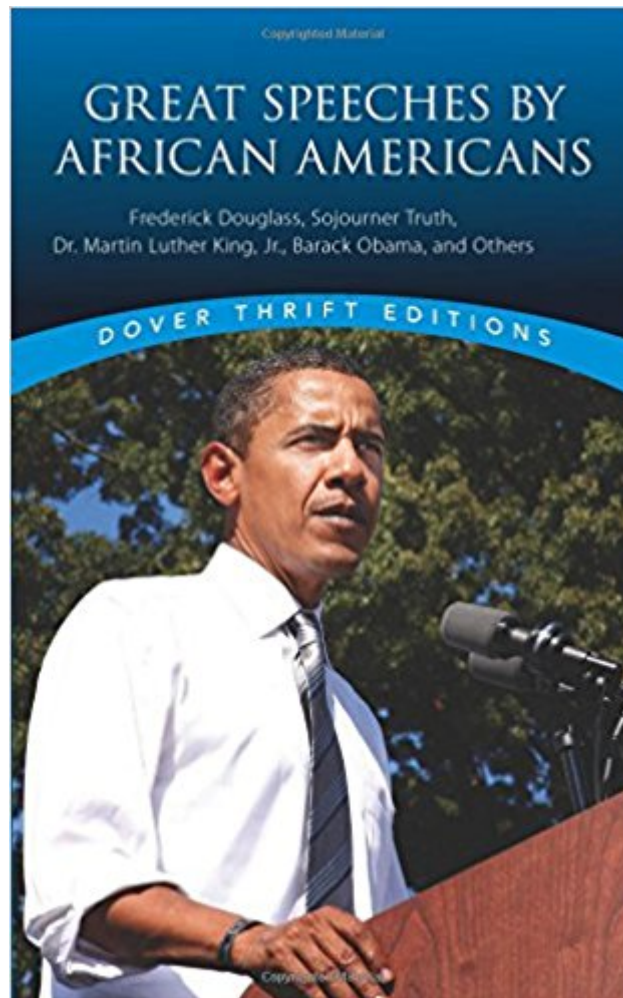




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Synopsis

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Gave these to guests at a get-together I hosted. Great hostess gift too. Give with flowers or wine when you are invited to a dinner or party in someone's home. Everyone is pleasantly surprised to receive--not something people might normally purchase.

Always great reading about the Black farthest of America. They are so selectively omitted from history. Thank you for the inclusion.

Great speech by a great man

Just as described

Makes a great read.

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This past April I visited Douglas house in Baltimore so I'm glad I read this book and the Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass. The guide for the tour of the home was very informative about some of the events in his life.

This is a good, compact book for those interested in a "crash course" on black history and politics. This collection represents well the issues of slavery and racial inequality, and the African American's struggle for equal justice and opportunity. I strongly recommend it for those interested in race, politics, and justice. Some themes of religion are also present throughout. A short volume of this size cannot possibly do justice to the whole of African American tradition; the selections by women are few (but present), the representation of slavery and slave issues is very heavy, and arts, culture and literature is omitted, but speeches do tend to be political and so this book remains true to that theme. I could see this book being very useful for a course on race and political justice. On the whole a good read.

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