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This book narrates and analyzes the southern tours by Booker T. Washington and his associates in 1908-1912. The author provides analysis of the importance of these tours in early 20th-century race relations, and relates them to Washington's racial philosophy and its impact on the various parts of black society. Instead of focusing on how Washington struggled against W.E.B. DuBois in a quest for leadership, this study emphasizes how he fought to undermine white supremacy.

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This book is an important historiographical extension of Robert Norrell's groundbreaking "Up from History." David H. Jackson, Jr. effectively debunks the uncharitable analysis of Booker T.'s life and work that originated with W.E.B. Du Bois, reached its nadir in August Meier and Louis Harlan's works, and dominated Washington scholarship for over half a century. Jackson proves that Booker T. was no accommodationist. Rather, he was "Machiavellian;" he masterfully manipulated metalanguage in order to challenge white prejudice in a "full-fledged psychological war." Jackson asks that we judge Washington on the basis of result, not by the standard of radical rhetoric.
