

Critical Acclaim for The Rainbow Challenge

The Rainbow Challenge is the most comprehensive study of Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign. It is a thorough, incisive critique of the complex role of race and class in American politics. This concise and well-written work is a fine example of politically engaged scholarship, and it may become a blueprint for future democratic struggles. Collins captures the social protest dimensions of the Jackson mobilization Far from apologizing for Jackson, Collins presents a solid and accurate overview, marked by her sensitive understanding of the currents of black nationalism which influence many of Jackson's black supporters.

--Manning Marable, Professor of Public affairs, History, and African-American Studies, Columbia University

The Rainbow Challenge is an insider's view of the project, practice, and problems of the Rainbow Coalition, in sharp contrast to the fashionable ivory-tower treatments of the Jackson campaign far removed from the heat of battle.

--Cornel West, Public Intellectual, Social Critic and Author

The Rainbow Challenge offers important insights into the need for effective coalition building to transform the substance of American politics--politics that will deal with issues rather than personalities; politics that will broaden the participatory process, rather than restrict it.

--Congressman Ron Dellums, (D-CA)

Collins' comprehensive study of the Jackson campaign and its implications is a welcome addition to that underrepresented genre of advocacy journalism. Her insights are valuable, and her hope for the future of "rainbow" politics sounds a lot more exciting than Reed's arid, political rationalism.

--Salim Muwakkil, Senior Editor, *In These Times*

Readily accessible to the reader, Sheila Collins' *The Rainbow Challenge* is impossible to read without learning a great deal and thoroughly enjoying it in the process. *The Rainbow Challenge: The Jackson Campaign and the Future of U.S. Politics* should and will be read and remembered for a long, long time.

--James A. Cox, Editor in Chief, *The Midwest Book Review*

The Rainbow Challenge demonstrates that it is possible to write dispassionately about passionate politics. Scholars who want to boast a complete library of American political movements and personalities cannot do without this book.

--William Winpisinger, International President, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers