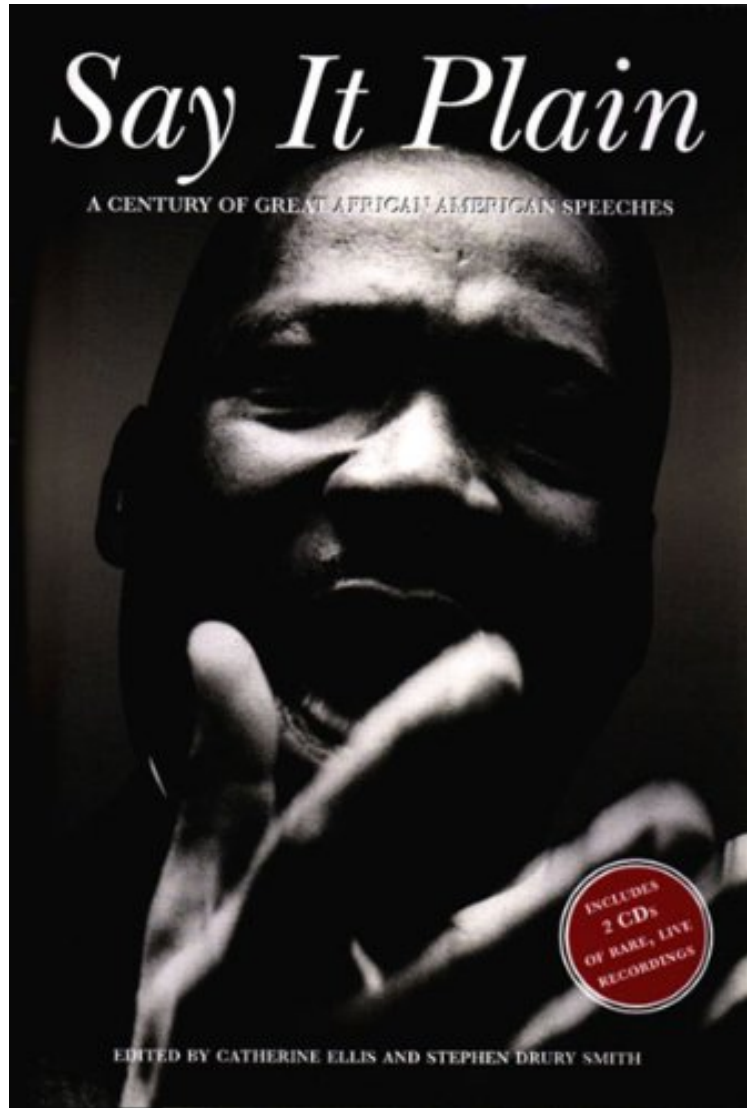


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today and still be relevant is simply amazing, if not unsettling. For example, more than a quarter of a century ago Rev. Joseph Lowery spoke on issues such as the rising rate of Black unemployment, the lack of Black leaders in American government and the ratio of the Black population in the United States (11%, at the time) to number of enlisted persons in the military who were black (33.3%, at the time). Although *Say It Plain* misses the mark by excluding one of the most powerful African-American orators, Malcolm X, it is still nonetheless comprehensive. One should appreciate the diverse group of orators who are included; from Marcus Garvey and his Black Separatist views to Clarence Thomas and his politically conservative views. Moreover, listening to the accompanying audio CD, one will get a sense of the different oratory styles: Jesse Jackson's inspirational "I was born in the slum, but the slum was not born in me.", Dick Gregory's comedic "...the good old days was 10 B.C., 15 B.C.10, 15 years before Bull Connor.", and Johnnetta B. Cole's charge to her African-American sisters to "Defend Thy Name". *Say It Plain* is not just twenty-plus speeches that were transcribed, placed in chronological order, and sold as a book. Before each speech there is a brief introduction that provides the reader with some context: a historical perspective of the speaker, the events of the time, or simply when, where and why the speech was given. In many cases, this brief introduction is as significant as the speech itself. All in all, I would suggest taking a refresher course in African-American history - with a twist - and read and listen to *Say It Plain*. Your mind and spirit will thank you for it.

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A century of riveting public speeches by leading African American orators, assembled for the first time, in a handsome boxed set of a hardcover book with 2 one-hour CDs. From Marcus Garvey to Maya Angelou, *Say It Plain* gives listeners a vivid, moving portrait of how black Americans have sounded the charge against injustice, exhorting the country to live up to its democratic principles. Most of these actual recordings of speeches by the 20th Century's leading African American cultural, spiritual, and political figures have been tucked away in archives and libraries, and are presented here for the first time. Together, the set captures an incomparable tradition of oratory, and includes some of the most powerful public speeches of the past century. Here can be found the only known recordings of speeches by Booker T. Washington and Marcus Garvey; Mary McLeod Bethune answering the question, "What does Democracy Mean to me?"; Dick Gregory describing his experience of being locked in a Birmingham jail; Barbara Jordan's unforgettable defense of the U.S. Constitution during Nixon's impeachment hearings; Julian Bond's sharp assessment of school segregation on the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board*, and much more. Riveting in their power to convey the black freedom struggle—from the back to Africa movement to the civil rights era and the rise of black nationalism and beyond—*Say It Plain* is a remarkable historical record of African American life, and a moving portrait of black Americans fighting for a better nation. This set contains two 80-minute compact discs with digitally re-mastered, recorded speeches by: Booker T. Washington, Marcus Garvey, Mary McLeod Bethune, Walter White, Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall, Howard Thurman, Dick Gregory, Fannie Lou Hamer, Stokely Carmichael, Martin Luther King, Jr., John Hope Franklin, Shirley Chisholm, Barbara Jordan, Benjamin L. Hooks, Joseph Lowery, Louis Farrakhan, Jesse Jackson, Johnnetta Cole, Lani Guinier, Clarence Thomas, Randall Robinson, and Julian Bond. The set also contains a hardcover book that includes: a comprehensive introductory essay on the African American tradition of oratory by noted George Washington University historian James Oliver Horton, and complete transcripts of the speeches with historical introductions.

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