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Michael Wayne Santos, 2022-07-01 Polarization Division Hate Many Americans wonder how our politics became dysfunctional and what it will take to fix it Historian Michael Santos takes readers on a journey to the heart of the American nation and the values that have allowed us to overcome previous challenges sometimes in spite of ourselves He remembers the heroes and heroines who challenged us to be better versions of ourselves Santos addresses a series of interrelated questions What are the legacies of this country handed down to us by the Founders What have previous generations done to keep the principles upon which the Republic rests alive and to advance their implications for more and more people Where were the fault lines that put the American experiment at risk and how have we overcome them And when we have failed to overcome them what possible lessons are there for an understanding of what America is and can become By offering these historical perspectives Santos helps readers overcome the current crisis in faith about the present challenges and future prospects for the American Romantic Futures Evy Varsamopoulou, 2023-12-15 Romantic Futures is a collection which explores the experiment significance of futurity in British Romanticism from a comparative perspective in three defining manifestations the future as conscious legacy by which is meant both influences or continuities and the anticipations of impact on the future the future as revealed by prophecy whether via religious figures or superstitions and a meditation on the temporality of the future or the future as a concept The book brings together a wide range of theoretical and disciplinary perspectives from utopian studies history religion and cultural theory to future studies neuroscience video games and art history Aiming to increase and diversify current critical engagement and highlight the contemporary relevance of the Romantics multivalent preoccupation with the future this collection renews the dialogue between Romanticism and our critical relation to its contemporaneity especially as it speaks to current understandings of the future in the sciences arts and humanities **Mine Eves Have** Seen the Glory Steven L. Dundas, 2022-10 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory is a hard hitting history of the impact of racism and religion on the political social and economic development of the American nation from Jamestown to today in particular the nefarious effects of slavery on U S society and history Going back to England's rise as a colonial power and its use of slavery in its American colonies Steven L Dundas examines how racism and the institution of slavery influenced the political and social structure of the United States beginning with the writing of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution Dundas tackles the debates over the Constitution s three fifths solution on how to count Black Americans as both property and people the expansion of the republic and slavery and the legislation enacted to preserve the Union including the Missouri Compromise the Compromise of 1850 and the Kansas Nebraska Act as well as their disastrous consequences Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory squarely faces how racism and religion influenced individual and societal debates over slavery Manifest Destiny secession and civil war Dundas deals with the struggle for abolition emancipation citizenship and electoral franchise for Black Americans and the fierce and often violent rollback following Reconstruction s end the civil rights movement and the social and political implications today Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory is the story of perpetrators victims and bystanders

slaves and slaveholders preachers politicians and propagandists fire eaters and firebrands civil rights leaders and champions of white supremacy and the ordinary people in the South and the North whose lives were impacted by it all We Carry Michelle Obama, 2024-04-16 1 NEW YORK TIMES AND USA TODAY BESTSELLER In an inspiring follow up to her acclaimed memoir Becoming former First Lady Michelle Obama shares practical wisdom and powerful strategies for staying hopeful and balanced in today s highly uncertain world There may be no tidy solutions or pithy answers to life s big challenges but Michelle Obama believes that we can all locate and lean on a set of tools to help us better navigate change and remain steady within flux In The Light We Carry she opens a frank and honest dialogue with readers considering the questions many of us wrestle with How do we build enduring and honest relationships How can we discover strength and community inside our differences What tools do we use to address feelings of self doubt or helplessness What do we do when it all starts to feel like too much Michelle Obama offers readers a series of fresh stories and insightful reflections on change challenge and power including her belief that when we light up for others we can illuminate the richness and potential of the world around us discovering deeper truths and new pathways for progress Drawing from her experiences as a mother daughter spouse friend and First Lady she shares the habits and principles she has developed to successfully adapt to change and overcome various obstacles the earned wisdom that helps her continue to become She details her most valuable practices like starting kind going high and assembling a kitchen table of trusted friends and mentors With trademark humor candor and compassion she also explores issues connected to race gender and visibility encouraging readers to work through fear find strength in community and live with boldness When we are able to recognize our own light we become empowered to use it writes Michelle Obama A rewarding blend of powerful stories and profound advice that will ignite conversation The Light We Carry inspires readers to examine their own lives identify their sources of gladness and connect meaningfully in a turbulent world

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