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Yellin's scholarship fills an important gap in our understanding of what Wilsonian progressivism was all about . . . but also explores less well understood connections between racism, progressive politics, and the state.--*American Historical Review*

Carefully researched and well-written. . . . [Yellin's] book deserves a wide reading among scholars and students of labor and race in the twentieth century.--*Labor*

Yellin's well-written treatise reminds readers how far the U.S. has come in its quest for racial equality. Recommended. Most levels/libraries.--*Choice*

A very compelling read.--*History: Reviews of New Books*

[A] thoroughly researched and artfully crafted book.--*Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*

Yellin's work is lucid and illuminating. He provides a thorough, readable, and well-rounded narrative filled with vivid examples and sharp analysis.--*Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*

His nuanced and sober book carefully chronicles the rationales and practices of racial subordination in the realm of federal employment and the personal and collective consequences that this unfolding tragedy had on the lives of black Washingtonians.--*Journal of Southern History*

Excellent new book.--*Journal of Southern History*

Yellin makes an important contribution to our understanding of 'white supremacy.'--*Journal of Interdisciplinary History*

This is an excellent, well-researched, and well-written study. Yellin's diverse sources are impressive as is his ability to weave them into a tight analysis.-- *Journal of American History*

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This is a highly readable and compelling narrative based on extraordinary research. Yellin fills in a crucial gap in the history of sanctioned segregation and its effect between *Plessy* and *Brown* and illuminates a crucial shift in the way institutional racism worked and was largely accepted, despite extensive efforts to prevent it from taking hold. This is a story manifestly worth telling, and Yellin does so in outstanding fashion.--Howard Gillette Jr., Rutgers University-Camden

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Emphasizing the complexity and devastating impact of institutional racism, Yellin's pathbreaking study sheds new light on Wilsonian progressivism, public sector employment, and early-twentieth-century civil rights activism. Deeply researched, dazzlingly well written, and persuasively argued, *Racism in the Nation's Service* is an important book that deserves a wide audience.--Kate Masur, author of *An Example for All the Land: Emancipation and the Struggle over Equality in Washington, D.C.*

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