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"Doing Race provides a sane and balanced guide to the debates over race that shows how race continues to determine our social lives even though race itself is a complex process undergoing constant change. Moya and Markus's introduction is also invaluable for teaching, with helpful analyses of typical conversations about race that offer critiques with a light touch." -*Linda Martin Alcoff, Hunter College*

"This stunningly comprehensive and accessible volume covers all the bases. Engaging the essays as a whole, we come to realize, understand, and appreciate how race can be simultaneously a matter of identity, structural inequality, representation, and performance." -*Michael Omi, University of California, Berkeley*

"The editors' introduction provides an important theoretical scaffolding that alone is worth the price of the volume; however, when in concert with the essays that follow, the result is an instant classic, one that will reverberate across disciplines for years to come." -*Vicki L. Ruiz, University of California, Irvine*

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