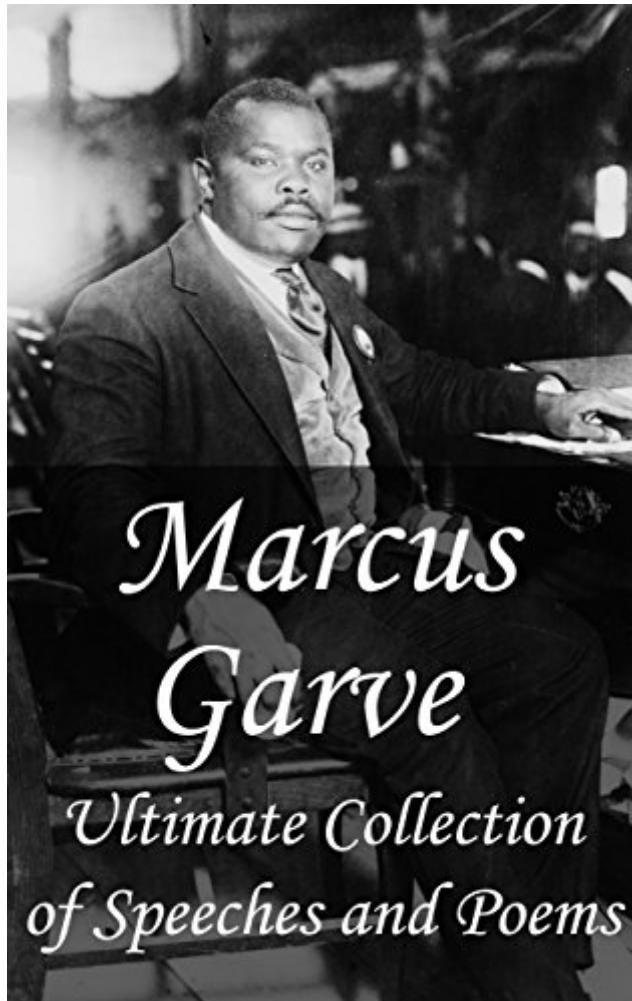


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Synopsis

Marcus Mosiah Garvey was a Jamaican political leader, publisher, journalist, entrepreneur, and orator who was a staunch proponent of the Black Nationalism and Pan-Africanism movements, to which end he founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League (UNIA-ACL). He also founded the Black Star Line, a shipping and passenger line which promoted the return of the African diaspora to their ancestral lands. Prior to the 20th century, leaders such as Prince Hall, Martin Delany, Edward Wilmot Blyden, and Henry Highland Garnet advocated the involvement of the African diaspora in African affairs. Garvey was unique in advancing a Pan-African philosophy to inspire a global mass movement and economic empowerment focusing on Africa known as Garveyism. Promoted by the UNIA as a movement of African Redemption, Garveyism would eventually inspire others, ranging from the Nation of Islam to the Rastafari movement (some sects of which proclaim Garvey as a prophet). Garveyism intended persons of African ancestry in the diaspora to "redeem" the nations of Africa and for the European colonial powers to leave the continent. His essential ideas about Africa were stated in an editorial in the Negro World entitled "African Fundamentalism", where he wrote: "Our union must know no clime, boundary, or nationality | to let us hold together under all climes and in every country |"

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The title should have made clear that the selected speeches and writings of Marcus Garvey cover his years in the US only, from 1917-25. It is very rewarding, from a historical point of view, to read authentic words of that most important public figure, so much has been said, written, and filmed about. Especially, since Garvey remains very controversial and a lot has been misinterpreted to this day. Maybe as a result of the limited time frame covered, some speeches and writings are lacking, which Garvey is most famous for. Among these are more direct references of Ethiopia and her coming King of kings; that Jesus was black-skinned; Garvey's stand on contemporary emerging africanist prophets in the Caribbean and the US. Considering that the introduction avers that Garvey in some twisted way made positive remarks towards Mussolini and Hitler, the corresponding proof of that is most definitely missing in this book, I might say. All these omissions are responsible for the subtraction of a star in my rating. The still high rating has to be seen in providing authentic texts by Garvey himself, not necessarily that I share all the views of Garvey. This is not a book BY Garvey, but a compilation of his speeches/articles, made available to the public. To make that clear: I venerate Marcus Garvey for that what he pushed forward, for challenging the racist system, for following up his visions, for being a human of action, for organising incredible international work and for his martyrdom of the contemporary racist judicial system of the US. Still, he is a product of his times and as Rastafari I am very much aware that both, lacking knowledge and the system's conditioning of all sorts of separation cannot be overcome on a single day or in fact, in a single generation.

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