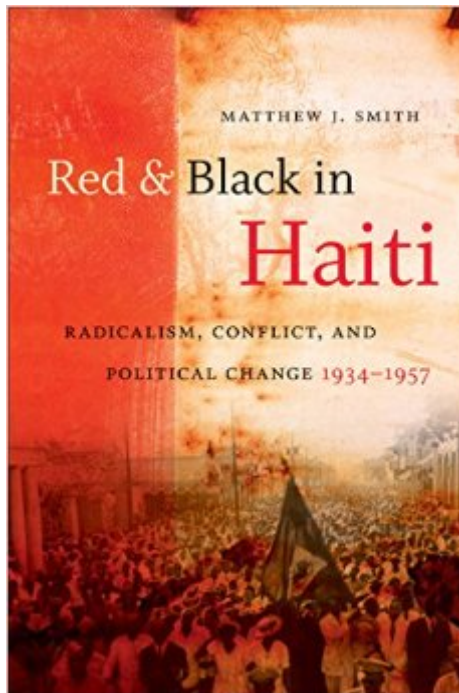


The book was found

Red And Black In Haiti: Radicalism, Conflict, And Political Change, 1934-1957



Synopsis

In 1934 the republic of Haiti celebrated its 130th anniversary as an independent nation. In that year, too, another sort of Haitian independence occurred, as the United States ended nearly two decades of occupation. In the first comprehensive political history of postoccupation Haiti, Matthew Smith argues that the period from 1934 until the rise of dictator Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier to the presidency in 1957 constituted modern Haiti's greatest moment of political promise. Smith emphasizes the key role that radical groups, particularly Marxists and black nationalists, played in shaping contemporary Haitian history. These movements transformed Haiti's political culture, widened political discourse, and presented several ideological alternatives for the nation's future. They were doomed, however, by a combination of intense internal rivalries, pressures from both state authorities and the traditional elite class, and the harsh climate of U.S. anticommunism. Ultimately, the political activism of the era failed to set Haiti firmly on the path to a strong independent future.

Book Information

Paperback: 296 pages

Publisher: The University of North Carolina Press; 1 edition (May 15, 2009)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0807859370

ISBN-13: 978-0807859377

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 0.8 x 9.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 15.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars Â Â See all reviews Â (2 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,165,971 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #117 in Â Books > History > Americas > Caribbean & West Indies > Haiti #1027 in Â Books > Textbooks > Humanities > History > Latin America

Customer Reviews

The majority of historical studies of Haiti in the years leading up to the 2004 Bicentennial focused on the Haitian Revolution (1791-1804). Part of what makes Matthew J. Smith's "Red and Black in Haiti" so important is that it opens a window on the complexity of an era closer to our own time and offers large and small lessons relevant to our chaotic world of revolution and nation building. Smith's book is particularly focused on what might be called "a brief and shining moment" between the end of the U.S. Marine Occupation (1915-1934) and the onset of the Duvalier Era with the election of Francois

Duvalier as President of Haiti in 1957. Those decades of struggle for a "New Haiti," led by members of the tireless and talented Occupation Generation, echo today in ongoing debates about "reconstruction" and "refoundation" of Haiti's nationhood. In the mid-twentieth century, divisions occurred along color lines ("authentic" black Haitians vs. light-skinned elites) and solidarity was often sacrificed to a splintering of political positions (Communism vs. the Urban Labor movement, pro-U.S. pragmatists vs. those determined to keep U.S. interests out of Haiti, at any cost). As Smith untangles the threads and illuminates charismatic personalities---from Jacques Roumain and Daniel Fignole to Presidents Lescot, Estimé, and Magloire---we begin to see a vacuum forming at the center. François Duvalier and his family would fill that vacuum for nearly 30 years, leaving a "kill tally" estimated at 30,000-40,000 people. The exodus of so many into what is now a powerful Haitian Diaspora is yet another measure of Duvalier's impact.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Red and Black in Haiti: Radicalism, Conflict, and Political Change, 1934-1957 Red Smoothies: 2 Manuscripts - Red Smoothie Detox Factor (Vol.1) + Red Smoothie Detox Factor (Vol. 2 - Superfoods Red Smoothies) Radicalism and Social Change in Jamaica, 1960-1972 Ukrainian Red Borscht Recipe: Step-by-step Picture Cookbook - How to Make Red Borsch (Red Soup or Borscht) King Hussein and the Challenge of Arab Radicalism: Jordan, 1955-1967 (Studies in Middle Eastern History) Radicalism in Minnesota: A Survey of Selected Sources Change Your Habits Change Your Life: Break Your Bad Habits, Break Your Addictions And Live A Better Life (Change Your Life, Stop Smoking, Stop Drinking, Stop Gambling, Stop Overeating) Night Of Fire: The Black Napoleon And The Battle For Haiti Haiti: The First Black Republic (Haitian Hero Series Book 1) VINTAGE AUTOMOBILE ADVERTISING 2: 1930-1934: OVER 400 Automobile Ads From Magazines And Newspapers Soviet Writers' Congress, 1934: The Debate on Socialist Realism and Modernism Pre-Code Hollywood: Sex, Immorality, and Insurrection in American Cinema; 1930-1934 Medical science exhibits,: A Century of progress, Chicago world's fair, 1933 and 1934, medicine, surgery, pharmacy, dentistry, nursing, hospitals, veterinary medicine, Florida Paper Money: An Illustrated History, 1817-1934 Scott Identification Guide to U.S. Stamps Regular Issues 1847-1934, 6th Edition Cuba Under the Platt Amendment, 1902-1934 (Pitt Latin American Series) In the Bleak Midwinter: For Brass Quintet (Gustav Holst, 1874-1934) Symphony No. 3, Op. 20 & Unfinished Symphony of 1934: New Collected Works of Dmitri Shostakovich - Volume 3 Machine Art: March 6 to April 30, 1934 Communings of the Spirit: The Journals of Mordecai M. Kaplan, Vol. I 1913-1934 (American Jewish Civilization (Hardcover))

[Dmca](#)