

The events surrounding the Trayvon Martin murder, trial, and acquittal bring to public and private discourse the violent, brutal murders of Emmett Till, Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Dr. King, as well as the contemporary racially provoked murders of Black American and Black immigrant men such as Amadou Diallo, Oscar Grant and more recently, Michael Brown in Ferguson and Eric Garner in New York. The name of Trayvon Martin crystallizes US racial politics regarding Blackness, specifically the Black male: it has become a symbol of the history of America's disregard for Black bodies, a name that has come to represent terrorist attacks targeting Black bodies. The authors included here imply that the words Trayvon Martin reverberate in the most conscientious of 'US'; and, this epic tragedy is one that has plagued 'US' ever since Africans and people of African descent first arrived in the Americas. The essays range from the profoundly personal to the thoroughly researched and scholarly and conclude with the statement from President Barack H. Obama in the epilogue. *The Trayvon Martin in US* is essential reading for anyone who is involved in race relations or teaches the topic.

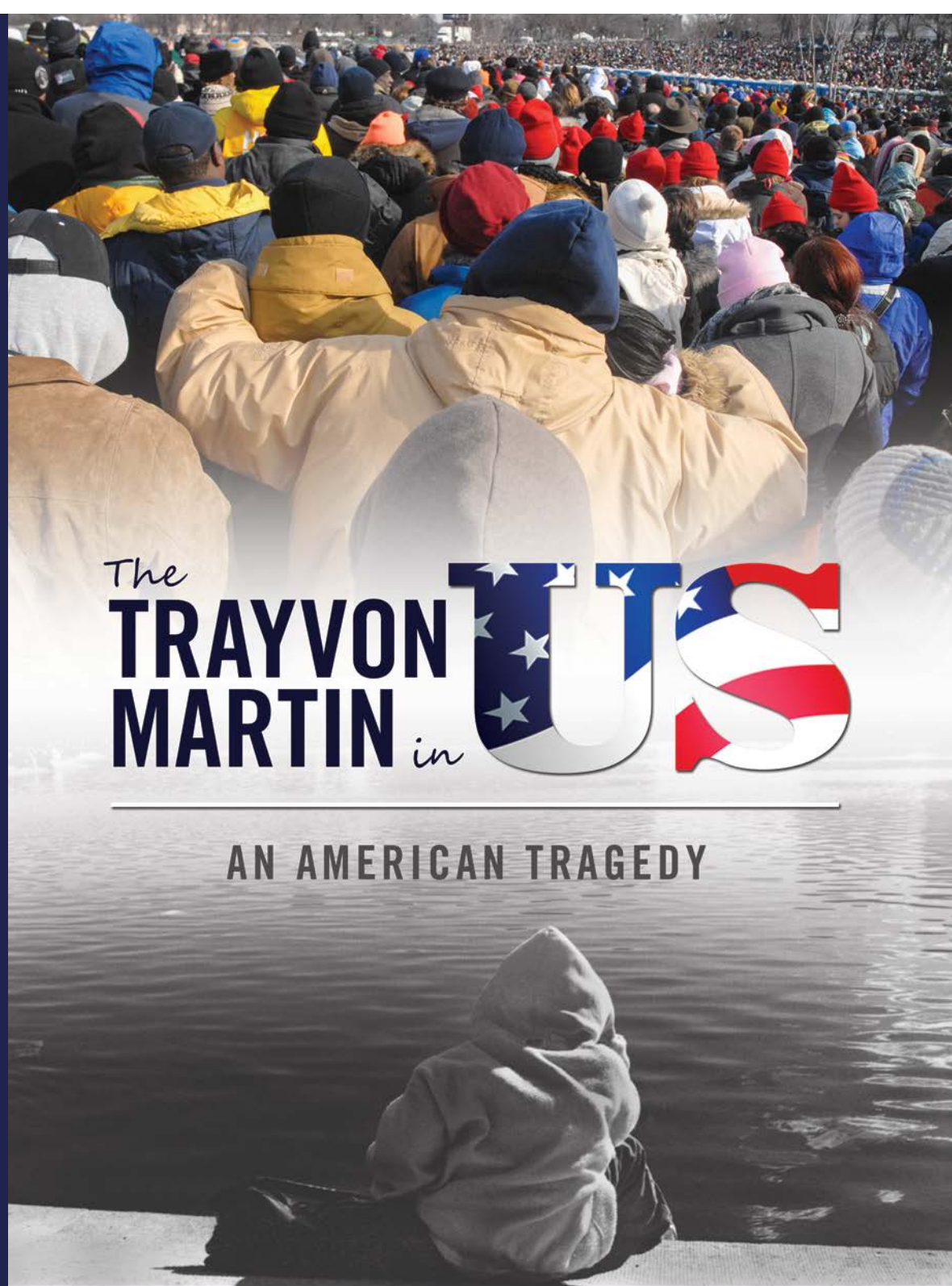
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