

New Book by the Late Glen Ford: “The Black Agenda”. His Legacy will Live

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Black politics are key to recognizing the most important social dynamics of the United States. Over the past 40 years, no commentator has been as deeply insightful about the paradoxes and personalities of Black American public life as the journalist and radio host the late Glen Ford.

His Legacy will Live

In this stunning overview, Ford draws from his work for *Black Agenda Report*, one of the most incisive and perceptive publications of the progressive left, to examine competing struggles for class power and identity in the Black movement. In a survey stretching from the violent gentrification of New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, through the engineered bankruptcy of Detroit, to the “more effective evil” of the Obama presidency, Ford casts a caustic eye on the empty posturing and corruption of the Democratic Party. This, he insists, depends on a Black constituency for electoral success, while using a co-opted “Black misleadership class” to sell out working people’s interests.

Profiling along the way storied Black leaders such as Martin Luther King, Malcom X and James Brown (for whom Ford once worked), *The Black Agenda* looks, too, beyond American shores at US intervention in Libya, the Congo and the Middle East, showing how these are imbricated with racism at home. Ford concludes with a discussion of the Black Lives Matter movement, setting out both its pitfalls and potentialities.

“Glen Ford was the most brilliant, courageous and consistent writer and journalist in the Black radical and independent tradition, of his generation – from the Sixties until now.”
—Cornel West

“Glen Ford was the consummate journalist, a man who demanded rigorous analysis of himself and others, and who lived by the dictum of afflicting the comfortable and comforting the afflicted.” —Margaret Kimberley – co-founder, Black Agenda Report

“Anyone who followed or knew Glen Ford was mentored by him. He is one of the few among us who lived by Amilcar Cabral’s iconic words: ‘Tell no lies, claim no easy victories!’” —Danny Haiphong

“Glen’s transition to an ancestor has left a huge hole in our movement, not to mention in the hearts of so many of us.” —Ajamu Baraka

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