More than any other text, The African-American Odyssey illuminates the central place of African Americans in U.S. history — not only telling the story of what it has meant to be black in America, but also how African-American history is inseparably woven into the greater context of American history and vice versa.

My Personal Review:
The African American Odyssey just got better with the release of the 3rd edition. Updated accounts, in-depth coverage, a broadened focus (the American West, and beyond America), and the wonderfully helpful enclosed CD which allows for additional research, all make this a comprehensive volume for any and all students of African American history.

The blending of the famous and the unknown, men and women, North and South, slave and free, provides for a tapestry that weaves together both the terror and the triumph of the African American experience which enabled them to move beyond the suffering to a place of healing hope. The faith-basis for so much of the African American triumph could have been covered more comprehensively, though it is more than hinted at in the original sources covered.
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