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Yellin's scholarship fills an important gap in our understanding of what Wilsonian progressivism was all about . . . but also explores less well understood connections between racism, progressive politics, and the state.--*American Historical Review*

Carefully researched and well-written. . . . [Yellin's] book deserves a wide reading among scholars and students of labor and race in the twentieth century.--*Labor*

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Emphasizing the complexity and devastating impact of institutional racism, Yellin's pathbreaking study sheds new light on Wilsonian progressivism, public sector employment, and early-twentieth-century civil rights activism. Deeply researched, dazzlingly well written, and persuasively argued, *Racism in the Nation's Service* is an important book that deserves a wide audience.--Kate Masur, author of *An Example for All the Land: Emancipation and the Struggle over Equality in Washington, D.C.*

From the Inside Flap

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