



Advance Praise

for *Race and Remembrance*

“ Arthur L. Johnson is one of the unsung heroes who created the new world of black and white America. For more than sixty years, he has given us a new sense of what creative, inclusive, and daring leadership can do. He came up from segregation, poverty, and a broken family and involved himself totally in a ministry of manhood, overcoming family tragedies and confronting a late bout of Parkinson’s disease with his usual grace. You ought to know this man and his life story. He is one of the great yea-sayers and yea-makers of our times. ”
—**Lerone Bennett Jr.**, author, historian, and executive editor emeritus, *Ebony Magazine*

“ The African-American community lets too many of its important stories fade and die. *Race and Remembrance* is a significant contribution to our community’s memory. ”
—**William Pickard**, Detroit businessman and current chairman and chief executive officer of Global Automotive Alliance

“ Arthur L. Johnson has promoted a spirit of cooperation that has helped calm the city and this is part of the reason the city has not been convulsed by civil disobedience for forty years. Arthur has a genuine love for people and the ability to be firm without being rude. Like Carl Sandburg said of Abraham Lincoln, Arthur is made of ‘velvet and steel.’ The velvet comes from love and the steel is his determination to tell what we need to know, even if the lessons are hard to hear. ”
—**Dr. Charles G. Adams**, senior pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church

“ For the last fifty years in the area of civil rights nobody has approached Arthur L. Johnson’s greatness in Detroit. ”
—**Dr. Melvin Chapman**, founder and president of College Bound Kids Learning Center

“ The thing that astounds me is how beloved Arthur L. Johnson is by everyone in the community, even though in the context of his professional life he has cajoled, encouraged, and even antagonized, in his own way, others to make the community a better place. That he is not cynical also amazes me. The dramatic experiences of tragedy and adversity in *Race and Remembrance* would warp others and make them feel bitter or hard-hearted. Johnson’s conscience and sensitivity become a part of you and change you. ”
—**Julian E. Pate III**, director of education at Focus: HOPE

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