



## Race and Liberty in America: The Essential Reader (Paperback)

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The University Press of Kentucky, United States, 2009. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The history of civil rights in the United States is usually analyzed and interpreted through the lenses of modern conservatism or progressive liberalism. In Race and Liberty in America: The Essential Reader , Jonathan Bean argues that the historical record does not conveniently fit into either of these categories and that knowledge of the American classical liberal tradition is required to gain a more accurate understanding of the past, present, and future of civil rights in the nation. By assembling and contextualizing classic documents, from the Declaration of Independence to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to the 2007 U.S. Supreme Court decision banning school assignment by race, Bean demonstrates that classical liberalism differs from progressive liberalism in emphasizing individual freedom, Christianity, the racial neutrality of the Constitution, and free-market capitalism. A comprehensive and vital resource for scholars and students of civil rights and civil liberties, Race and Liberty in America draws on a wealth of primary sources to chart the evolution of civil rights in U.S. history.



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