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Review

“Given the invisibility of this history, this book couldn’t be more timely and more necessary.”

—**Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, author of *Blood on the Border***

“People who care about social justice, who care about the future, must learn this history. Our conditions dictate that we don’t have the luxury to walk separately anymore.”

—**Malik Rahim, New Orleans Black Panther Party**

“*Hillbilly Nationalists* recovers the voices of white, working-class radicals who prove abolitionist John Brown’s legacy is alive and well. Over ten years, Sonnie and Tracy have collected rare documents and conducted interviews to fill a long-missing piece of social movement history. Focusing on the 1960s–70s and touching on issues just as relevant today, these authors challenge the Left not to ignore white America, while challenging white America to recognize its allegiance to humanity and justice, rather than the bankrupt promises of conservative politicians.”

—**Angela Y. Davis, author of *Abolition Democracy: Beyond Prison, Torture, and Empire***

“This book is, without question, the definitive resource for scholars, students, and activists interested in some of the most innovative and understudied coalitional politics of the New Left.”

—**Darrel Enck-Wanzer, editor of *The Young Lords: A Reader***

“In our world, ‘white, working-class anti-racism’ is considered an oxymoron, or at best a pipe dream. Amy Sonnie and James Tracy prove these assumptions wrong, excavating a forgotten history of poor white folks who, in alliance with black nationalists, built a truly radical movement for social justice, economic power, and racial and gender equality. They have written a beautiful, powerful, surprising account of class-based interracial organizing; I expect *Hillbilly Nationalists* to inspire a new generation of activists who understand that a true rainbow coalition is not only desirable but our only hope.”

—**Robin D.G. Kelley, author of *Freedom Dreams: The Black Radical Imagination and Thelonious Monk: The Life and Times of an American Original***

“Sonnie and Tracy are master storytellers whose stories of working-class, interracial solidarity chart a new direction in the history of the modern freedom movement. Based on dozens of oral histories and previously untapped personal records of movement activists, this book offers an inspiring and largely invisible history of poor and working-class whites who built a ‘vanguard of the dispossessed’ with Black Panthers, Young Lords, and others in the radical movement for racial and economic justice. Written with nuance and power, this is a major contribution to the study of civil rights, social justice, working-class communities, and the politics of whiteness in the United States.”

—**Jennifer Guglielmo, author of *Living the Revolution* and *Are Italians White?***

“*Hillbilly Nationalists* is the story of reformers and revolutionaries, dreamers and doers, who remind us of a transformative organizing tradition among white, working-class communities. Inspired by Black Power and global events, these organizers did what only poor folks can do: they pooled their resources to build a vibrant social movement that escapes easy classification. Sonnie and Tracy combine first-rate historical research and extensive oral histories to capture the legacies of those unsung heroes and heroines who battled for the hearts

and minds of working-class Americans in the 1960s and 1970s."

—Dan Berger, editor of *The Hidden 1970s: Histories of Radicalism*

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