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The rationale behind highlighting the experiences of the first generation of African immigrants within Canadian society is to address the empirical, conceptual, and methodological gaps in the literature that tends to homogenize all Black people and their experiences. The book thus seeks to draw attention to the particular characteristics of Continental Africans which may not be shared by other Blacks or Non-Black Africans – specificities that have so far been insufficiently studied.

The chapters examine the social constructions of African-Canadians and their experiences within the political and educational systems, as well as in the labour market. They also explore the forms of cooperation and tensions that characterize the communities, and how they negotiate and adapt to the multiple transnational spaces that they occupy. Also considered are the circumstances of their children, as they try to define their identities vis-à-vis their parents and the larger Canadian society.

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