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Editorial Review

Review

"With *Listen to the Lambs*, Daniel Black once again shows himself to be a writer of great imagination and boundless empathy. Black is a treasure-- a beautiful writer who loves his characters and his people." - Tayari Jones, author of *Silver Sparrow*

"Told in a voice full of the warmth and wisdom of a fireside tale, Daniel Black's novel *Listen to the Lambs* dramatizes the trials and tribulations of a group of homeless outcasts who push beyond their failings to form a family. Black's formidable achievement is such that his characters assume flesh on every page, their story serving as a powerful testament to the possibility of grace and redemption in our fallen world." -- Jeffery Renard Allen, author of the novels *Song of the Shank* and *Rails Under My Back*

"In *Listen to the Lambs*, Daniel Black creates a family out of people who are ostracized by society. It is a dark, funny, beautifully written, and heartfelt story about the homeless that is a must read." Sanderia Faye, author of *Mourner's Bench*

"Daniel Black is one of those writers for whom human lives seem to blossom fully formed onto the page. In *Listen to the Lambs*, he presents a deep and compassionate investigation of fatherhood and families, both those that nature establishes for us by blood and those we establish for ourselves by love. More than that, he asks what homelessness is like for the five vibrantly original members of his central cast, offering a story not only about the specific circumstances that led them to the streets but, as one of them puts it, about the American imagination and whether they can live there." - Kevin Brockmeier, author of *A Few Seconds of Radiant Filmstrip* and *The Brief History of the Dead*

"***The Coming*** is powerful. And beautiful....This is a work to be proud of." ?Charles Johnson, *National Book Award Winner for Middle Passage*

"Daniel Black has crafted a truly affecting novel about ties that cleave, compel and ultimately empower. The past, present, here and hereafter consort in *Twelve Gates to the City* with singular, sometimes magical characters to render a moving narrative not only of Black Haven and its inhabitants, but all people with secrets to learn and forgiveness to offer in the service of peace, understanding and movement on the often difficult paths to progress." ?G. Winston James

"Daniel Black is a natural born storyteller--*Twelve Gates to the City* is vivid and compelling, filled with heart, faith and truth." ?Sebastian Stuart, *Author of The Hour Between*

"With lush and dreamy detail, Daniel Omotosho Black tells the story of a bright young man coming home-- in the deepest sense of the word. Disarmingly honest and irresistibly earnest, this courageous novel expands the meaning of family and community." ?Lucy Jane Bledsoe, *author of The Big Bang Symphony*

About the Author

Daniel Black is a native of Kansas City, Kansas, yet spent the majority of his childhood years in Blackwell, Arkansas. He is an associate professor at his alma mater, Clark Atlanta University, where he now aims to provide an example to young Americans of the importance of self-knowledge and communal commitment. He is the author of *They Tell Me of a Home* and *The Sacred Place*.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Alan Dean:

Spent a free time for you to be fun activity to do! A lot of people spent their down time with their family, or their friends. Usually they performing activity like watching television, planning to beach, or picnic from the park. They actually doing same thing every week. Do you feel it? Do you need to something different to fill your personal free time/ holiday? Might be reading a book could be option to fill your no cost time/ holiday. The first thing that you ask may be what kinds of e-book that you should read. If you want to attempt look for book, may be the reserve untitled Listen to the Lambs: A Novel can be very good book to read. May be it may be best activity to you.

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