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"To be James Baldwin is to touch on so many hidden places in Europe, America, the Negro, the white man—to be forced to understand so much." —Alfred Kazin

"This author retains a place in an extremely select group; that composed of the few genuinely indispensable American writers." —*Saturday Review*

"He has not himself lost access to the sources of his being—which is what makes him read and awaited by perhaps a wider range of people than any other major American writer." —*The Nation*

"He is thought-provoking, tantalizing, irritating, abusing and amusing. And he uses words as the sea uses waves, to flow and beat, advance and retreat, rise and take a bow in disappearing . . . the thought becomes poetry and the poetry illuminates thought." —Langston Hughes

"He has become one of the few writers of our time." —Norman Mailer

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