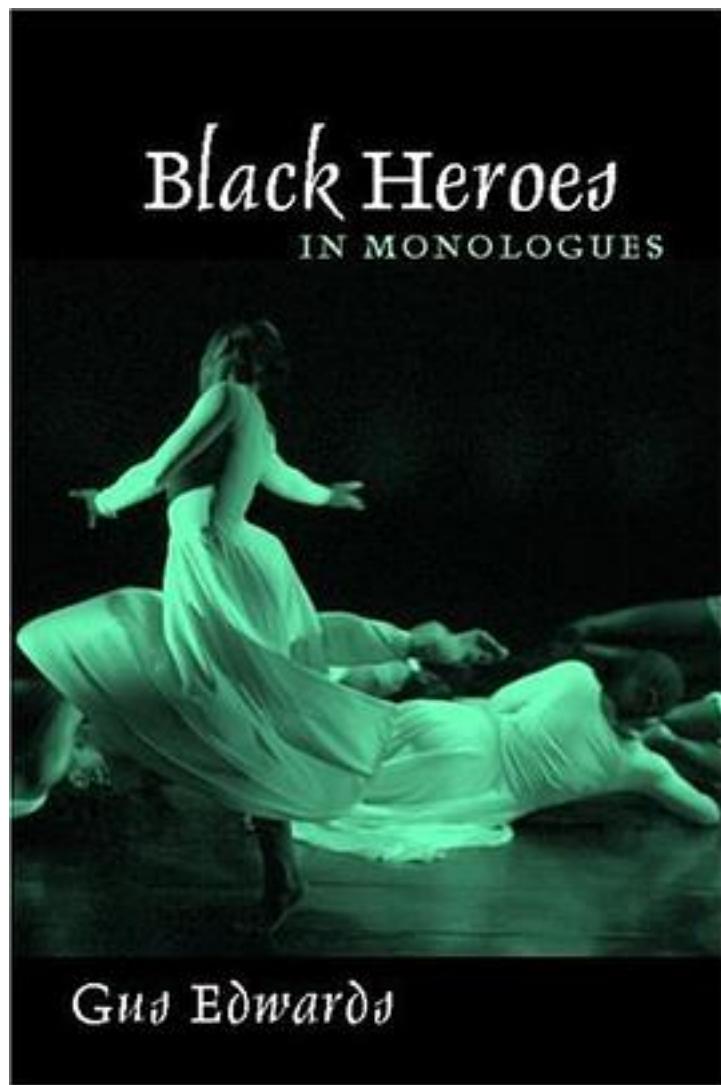


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What is a hero? How is one defined? When Gus Edwards discovered that the majority of the young actors, playwrights, and teachers he encountered didn't know who Nat Turner was - nor many other key men and women in black history - he summoned the power of theatre to correct the situation. "Black Heroes in Monologues" brings these and other influential African Americans to life once again. As he did with "Monologues on Black Life," Edwards offers black actors and actresses a host of new, original audition and performance pieces. Perfect for black history month or any moment that calls for a stirring performance, "Black Heroes in Monologues" features twenty-seven monologues in the voices of heroes from every walk of African American life. From Civil Rights-era leaders Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Malcolm X to freedom fighters Harriet Tubman and Joseph Cinque; from Hall of Fame sports figures Jackie Robinson and Joe Louis to influential artists Paul Robeson, Mahalia Jackson, Hattie McDaniel, and Oscar Micheaux. You'll find a wide variety of richly drawn portraits of people whose passion, resolve, and smarts will inspire your acting. Heroes come from all walks of life. Some we recognize easily; others are unknown or forgotten. With "Black Heroes in Monologues," we can not only return them to our consciousness, but bring them to life for people of every color to cherish and enjoy.

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