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“*White Riot*—this loud, brilliant collection of rants and critical explosions on race, music, and rebellion—has a radical message that goes far beyond punk: in order to build transformative movements and cultures, we first have to reckon with the riots of our own.”—Jeff Chang, author of *Can't Stop Won't Stop: A History of the Hip-hop Generation* and *Who We Be: The Colorization of America*

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“It’s a banging pit of engagement, and a shocking reminder that no entire book has ever been dedicated to this subject before.”—Chris Estey, *KEXP 90.3 FM Seattle*

“*White Riot* allows us to view race as contested, complex, always both part and all of the person, the movement, and the story. A punk heart that understands the politics of race in this way isn’t ‘pure:’ it’s a messy organ, and it’s still beating.”—Sara Jaffe, *Los Angeles Review of Books*

“350 pages of interview excerpts, fanzine articles, and academic essays that won’t give you answers so much as give you the power to ask, and consider, even more.”—Chris Terry, *Razorcake*

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