

# Contents

List of Illustrations	ix
Acknowledgments and Dedication	xi
Introduction	i
PART ONE · <i>Dignity Denied: Youth in the Early War Years</i>	
1. Race and Political Economy	15
2. Class Politics and Juvenile Delinquency	42
PART TWO · <i>The Struggle for Dignity: Zoot Style during World War II</i>	
3. Zoot Style and Body Politics	77
4. Zoots, Jazz, and Public Space	113
PART THREE · <i>Violence and National Belonging on the Home Front</i>	
5. Zoot Violence in Los Angeles	155
6. Race Riots across the United States	200
Epilogue: From Zoot Suits to Hip-Hop	235

Notes	245
Bibliography	289
Index	305

# Illustrations

1.	Wartime segregation in Los Angeles theater, ca. 1942	19
2.	Sleepy Lagoon defendants, 1942	46
3.	Mexican American girl-gang roundup, Los Angeles, 1942	54
4.	Mexican American boy-gang roundup, Los Angeles, 1942	55
5.	Lineup of alleged African American juvenile delinquent boys, 1944	72
6.	Japanese American “No No Boys,” Tule Lake Relocation Center, 1944	79
7.	African American teens dressed in zoot suits at soda fountain, 1943	81
8.	Mexican American youth in zoot suit, 1943	82
9.	Sketch of zoot suit drawn by tailor Ramón Galindo	87
10.	Sketch of zoot suit drawn by tailor Ramón Galindo	87
11.	Mexican American female gang, Los Angeles, 1942	89
12.	African American college students at Bethune-Cookman College in Florida, 1943	95
13.	Pair of African American zoot suiters in Detroit, June 1943	115
14.	Young African American men in zoot suits at the Savoy Ballroom during the 1930s	122
15.	White zoot suiters dancing, 1942	146
16.	Servicemen armed with bats and clubs during Zoot Suit Riots, June 1943	171

- |     |  |     |
|-----|--|-----|
| 17. | Servicemen cruising streets of Los Angeles during Zoot Suit Riots, June 1943 | 173 |
| 18. | Injured African American man in ambulance during Zoot Suit Riots, June 1943  | 176 |
| 19. | Mexican American zoot suiters after Zoot Suit Riots, June 1943               | 183 |
| 20. | Mexican American youth in torn zoot suit during Zoot Suit Riots, June 1943   | 236 |