

CONTENTS

Preface ix

Introduction "The Rot Remains": From Ruins to Ruination
ANN LAURA STOLER 1

PART I. DECOMPOSITIONS OF MATTER AND MIND

1. **An Acoustic Register: Rape and Repetition in Congo**
NANCY ROSE HUNT 39
2. **The Coolie: An Unfinished Epic**
E. VALENTINE DANIEL 67
3. **Empire's Ruins: Detroit to the Amazon**
GREG GRANDIN 115

PART II. LIVING IN RUINS: DEGRADATIONS AND REGENERATIONS

4. **Detritus in Durban: Polluted Environs and
the Biopolitics of Refusal**
SHARAD CHARI 131

5. Ruins, Redemption, and Brazil's Imperial Exception
JOHN COLLINS 162
6. When a Demolished House Becomes a Public Square
ARIELLA AZOULAY 194

PART III. ANTICIPATING THE IMPERIAL FUTURE

7. The Void: Invisible Ruins on the Edges of Empire
GASTÓN GORDILLO 227
8. Engineering the Future as Nuclear Ruin
JOSEPH MASCO 252
9. The Future in Ruins
VYJAYANTHI RAO 287

Bibliography 323

Contributors 355

Index 357