Contents

The Little Man at Chehaw Station	3
On Initiation Rites and Power: Ralph Ellison	
Speaks at West Point	39
What These Children Are Like	6_{4}
The Myth of the Flawed White Southerner	76
If the Twain Shall Meet	88
What America Would Be Like Without Blacks	104
Portrait of Inman Page: A Dedication Speech	113
Going to the Territory	120
An Extravagance of Laughter	145
Remembering Richard Wright	198
Homage to Duke Ellington on His Birthday	217
The Art of Romare Bearden	227
Society, Morality, and the Novel	239
"A Very Stern Discipline"	275
The Novel as a Function of American Democracy	308
Perspective of Literature	321