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Review

"excellent book" -- *roxanne warner*

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From the Back Cover

The book is an attempt to show that the true authors of Greek philosophy were not the Greeks, but the people of North Africa, commonly called the Egyptians; and the praise and honor falsely given to the Greeks for centuries belong to the people of North Africa, and therefore to the African Continent. Consequently, this theft of the African legacy by the Greeks led to the erroneous world opinion that the African Continent has made no contribution to civilization, and that its people are naturally backward. This is the misrepresentation that has become the basis of race prejudice, which has affected all people of color.

About the Author

Professor George G. M. James was born in Guyana, South America and he earned several degrees from Durham University in England. James also earned certificates in the United States to teach mathematics, Latin, and Greek. He later served as a Professor in the areas of logic, Greek, language studies, philosophy, mathematics, and social sciences including his last five years at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. In 1954, he published the groundbreaking work, *Stolen Legacy*, which challenged the idea of the "immaculate conception" of Greek philosophy.

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