Contents

Acknowledgments vii

Introduction: Dreaming of Black Los Angeles 1
  Darnell Hunt

PART 1  Space

1  Race, Space, and the Evolution of Black Los Angeles 21
  Paul Robinson

2  From Central Avenue to Leimert Park: The Shifting Center of Black Los Angeles 60
  Reginald Chapple

3  The Decline of a Black Community by the Sea: Demographic and Political Changes in Oakwood 81
  Andrew Deener

PART 2  People

4  “Blowing Up” at Project Blowed: Rap Dreams and Young Black Men 117
  Jooyoung Lee

5  Out of the Void: Street Gangs in Black Los Angeles 140
  Alex Alonso

6  Imprisoning the Family: Incarceration in Black Los Angeles 168
  M. Belinda Tucker, Neva Pemberton, Mary Weaver, Gwendelyn Rivera, and Carrie Petrucci

7  Black and Gay in L.A.: The Relationships Black Lesbians and Gay Men Have to Their Racial and Religious Communities 188
  Mignon Moore
PART 3 Image

8  Looking for the 'Hood and Finding Community: South Central, Race, and Media  
   Dionne Bennett  
   215

9  Playing “Ghetto”: Black Actors, Stereotypes, and Authenticity  
   Nancy Wang Yuen  
   232

10 Before and After Watts: Black Art in Los Angeles  
   Paul Von Blum  
   243

11 SOLAR: The History of the Sounds of Los Angeles Records  
   Scot Brown  
   266

12 Killing “Killer King”: The Los Angeles Times and a “Troubled” Hospital in the 'Hood  
   Darnell Hunt and Ana-Christina Ramón  
   283

PART 4 Action

13 Bass to Bass: Relative Freedom and Womanist Leadership in Black Los Angeles  
   Melina Abdullah and Regina Freer  
   323

14 Concerned Citizens: Environmental (In)Justice in Black Los Angeles  
   Sonya Winton  
   343

15 A Common Project for a Just Society: Black Labor in Los Angeles  
   Edna Bonacich, Lola Smallwood-Cuevas, Lanita Morris, Steven Pitts, and Joshua Bloom  
   360

16 Reclaiming UCLA: The Education Crisis in Black Los Angeles  
   Ana-Christina Ramón and Darnell Hunt  
   382

Bibliography  
   407

Contributors  
   425

Index  
   429