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Synopsis

Toussaint Louverture was the leader of the Haitian Revolution in the late eighteenth century, in which slaves rebelled against their masters and established the first black republic. In this collection of his writings and speeches, former Haitian politician Jean-Bertrand Aristide demonstrates Louverture's profound contribution to the struggle for equality.

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Toussaint Louverture was a leader of the Haitian Revolution. Born in Saint-Domingue, in a long struggle for independence Toussaint led enslaved Africans and Afro-Haitians to victory over French colonisers, abolished slavery, and secured French control over the colony, Haiti. Nick Nesbitt is Professor of French at Princeton University. He is the editor of *Toussaint Louverture: The Haitian Revolution* co-editor of *Sounding the Virtual: Gilles Deleuze and the Philosophy of Music*, and author of *Universal Emancipation: The Haitian Revolution and the Radical Enlightenment*, a study of the political ontology of the Haitian Revolution, and *Voicing Memory: History and Subjectivity in French Caribbean Literature*, a study of Antillean literature and black Atlantic critical theory.

The high point of Haiti's history. I found Aristide's introductory essay irritating because any comparison between him and Louverture reflects badly on the current generation of Haitians. We have not lived up to the lofty hopes of our forebears. A good book all the same.

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