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Fueled by this deceit and the general disrepair of his hometown, the narrator sets out to right another wrong: Dickens has literally been removed from the map to save California from further embarrassment. Enlisting the help of the town's most famous resident—the last surviving Little Rascal, Hominy Jenkins—he initiates the most outrageous action conceivable: reinstating slavery and segregating the local high school, which lands him in the Supreme Court.

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## Editorial Review

### Review

“The first 100 pages of [Paul Beatty's] new novel, *The Sellout*, are the most caustic and the most badass first 100 pages of an American novel I've read in at least a decade. I gave up underlining the killer bits because my arm began to hurt . . . [They] read like the most concussive monologues and interviews of Chris Rock, Richard Pryor and Dave Chappelle wrapped in a satirical yet surprisingly delicate literary and historical sensibility . . . The jokes come up through your spleen . . . The riffs don't stop coming in this landmark and deeply aware comic novel . . . [It] puts you down in a place that's miles from where it picked you up.”

?Dwight Garner, *The New York Times*

“[*The Sellout*] is among the most important and difficult American novels written in the 21st century . . . It is a bruising novel that readers will likely never forget.” ?Kiese Laymon, *Los Angeles Times*

“Swiftian satire of the highest order . . . Giddy, scathing and dazzling.” ?Sam Sacks, *The Wall Street Journal*

“*The Sellout* isn't just one of the most hilarious American novels in years, it also might be the first truly great satirical novel of the century . . . [It] is a comic masterpiece, but it's much more than just that—it's one of the smartest and most honest reflections on race and identity in America in a very long time.” ?Michael Schaub, *NPR.org*

“Beatty, author of the deservedly highly praised *The White Boy Shuffle* (1996), here outdoes himself and possibly everybody else in a send-up of race, popular culture, and politics in today's America . . . Beatty hits on all cylinders in a darkly funny, dead-on-target, elegantly written satire . . . [*The Sellout*] is frequently laugh-out-loud funny and, in the way of the great ones, profoundly thought provoking. A major contribution.” ?Mark Levin, *Booklist (starred review)*

“*The Sellout* is brilliant. Amazing. Like demented angels wrote it.” ?Sarah Silverman

“I am glad that I read this insane book alone, with no one watching, because I fell apart with envy, hysterics, and flat-out awe. Is there a more fiercely brilliant and scathingly hilarious American novelist than Paul Beatty?” ?Ben Marcus

“Paul Beatty has always been one of the smartest, funniest, gutsiest writers in America, but *The Sellout* sets a new standard. It's a spectacular explosion of comic daring, cultural provocation, brilliant, hilarious prose, and genuine heart.” ?Sam Lipsyte

### About the Author

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Paul Beatty is the author of three novels?Slumberland, Tuff, and The White Boy Shuffle?and two books of poetry: Big Bank Take Little Bank and Joker, Joker, Deuce. He is the editor of Hokum: An Anthology of African-American Humor. He lives in New York City.

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