In *Frederick Douglass: Race and the Rebirth of American Liberalism*, Peter C. Myers examines the philosophic core of Douglass's political thought, offering a greater understanding of its depth and coherence. He presents Douglass as the leading thinker to apply the American Founders' doctrine of natural rights to the condition of African Americans. He maintains Douglass was right in finding the natural rights principles of the Declaration a sufficient theoretical basis for addressing the nation's racial problems and contends that his hope for the demise of slavery and white supremacy was marked by moderation and realism.