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## Sommario/riassunto

The figure of the violent man in the African American imagination has a long history. He can be found in 19th-century bad man ballads like 'Stagolee' and 'John Hardy,' as well as in the black convict recitations that influenced 'gansta' rap. *Born in a Mighty Bad Land* connects this figure with similar characters in African American fiction.

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