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American families. This community, at one time surrounded by nine polluting industries, is struggling to make their voices heard and their

community safe again. Polluted Promises shows that even in the postcivil rights era, race and class are still key factors in determining the politics of pollution.