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this book offers a rich local history through which to investigate the

speech, bringing to life the racialised dynamics of space during a critical moment in British history. It traces the ways in which Powell's words reinvented the town, uncovering highly contested local responses. While Powell left Wolverhampton in 1974, the book returns to the area to explore the collective memories of Powell which continue to reverberate.