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Charles Molesworth trace this story through Locke's Philadelphia

upbringing, his undergraduate years at Harvard-where William James helped spark his influential engagement with pragmatism-and his tenure as the first African American Rhodes Scholar. The heart of their narrative illuminates Locke's heady years in 1920's New York City and his forty-year career at Howard University, where he helped spearhead the adult education movement of the 1930's and wrote on topics ranging from the philosophy of value to the theory of democracy. Harris and Molesworth show that throughout this illustrious career-despite a formal manner that many observers interpreted as elitist or distant-Locke remained a warm and effective teacher and mentor, as well as a fierce champion of literature and art as means of breaking down barriers between communities. The multifaceted portrait that emerges from this engaging account effectively reclaims Locke's rightful place in the pantheon of America's most important minds.

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