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This little red book brings together many of the longtime Detroit Mayor's most unforgettable lines in a format meant to recall the famous little red book of quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung. It was first published in 1991 by Droog Press, a small Detroit-based press founded by a long-time reporter and editor at the Detroit Free Press. This new edition features quotations that did not make it into the original book and a chronology outlining Coleman Young's life and career. Both insightful and entertaining, this is an essential reference for anyone interested in politics, black politics in particular, and political humor.

Some quotes from Coleman A. Young:

"Swearing is an art form. You can express yourself much more exactly, much more succinctly, with properly used curse words."

"Racism is like high blood pressure-the person who has it doesn't know he has it until he drops over with a goddamned stroke. There are no symptoms of racism. The victim of racism is in a much better position to tell you whether or not you're a racist than you are."

"I issue a warning to all those pushers, to all rip-off artists, to all muggers: It's time to leave Detroit; hit Eight Mile Road! And I don't give a damn if they are black or white, or if they wear Superfly suits or blue uniforms with silver badges. Hit the road."



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