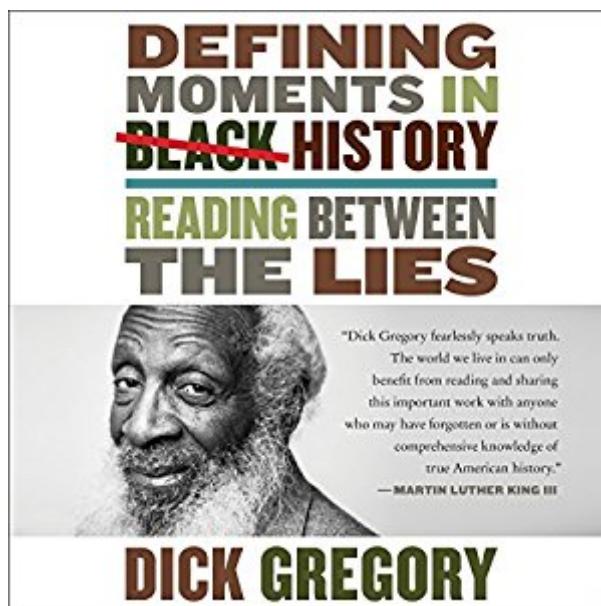


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# Defining Moments In Black History: Reading Between The Lies



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