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Gregory Stephens, author of "On Racial Frontiers: The New Culture of Frederick Douglass, Ralph Ellison and Bob Marley" (Cambridge University Press) ended a Miami book speaking and signing tour with a packed crowd of interested listeners (70+) at Books and Books store, Coral Gables. The SRO crowd spilled over into the next room of the bookstore, eager to hear Gregory speak on the issues of mixed "race" heritage and the many elements of history that contradict and strengthen the idea of the abolishment of the idea of 'race'. Focusing on Douglass and Marley, Gregory interspersed his scholarly and heart-felt talk with rare video clips of the two men. The ongoing relevance of the words of these two men, who moved in social circles far removed from their birthplaces, and triumphed against all obstacles, to become icons of all social classes and nationalities was expanded upon. Many of the listeners had obviously heard Gregory speak earlier in the week on various local radio shows, and a thoughtful reasoning took part in the 'dialogue' finale to Gregory's appearance. The complexity and range of the topics that Gregory covered in the hour-and-a-half appearance are too much to attempt to cover in a brief rnr review. I recommend you get the book.

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