

DEBORAH GRAY WHITE

**LOST IN THE  
USA**

AMERICAN IDENTITY FROM THE  
PROMISE KEEPERS TO THE  
MILLION MOM MARCH



**UNIVERSITY OF  
ILLINOIS PRESS**  
Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield

# Contents

Acknowledgments ix

Introduction: Searching for Identity 1

CHAPTER 1. A New-Age Search for Order 7

CHAPTER 2. Looking for a Few Good Men:  
The Transformation of Manhood 30

CHAPTER 3. Standing By Their Men: What Promise  
Keeper and Million Man March Women Wanted 72

CHAPTER 4. The Fierce Urgency of Unity: The Advent of  
Post-Blackness 99

CHAPTER 5. Things Fall Apart; the LGBT Center Holds 125

CHAPTER 6. Guns and Motherhood: A Millennial Maternalism 157

Epilogue: Reflections on Marches, Identity,  
Intersectionality, and Postmodernity 182

Notes 189

Bibliography 221

Index 247