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*On the Cover:* Jackie Robinson as a Brooklyn Dodger infielder (from the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration's Still Pictures Branch, 306-PS-50-4370).

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# Preface

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