This book is a revelation. McGowan has masterfully revived the life of a remarkable pioneer in anthropology and humanistic studies who overcame great odds to become a courageous explorer, leading activist, legendary professor and groundbreaking researcher. Boas influenced prominent figures such as Margaret Mead, Ruth Benedict and Zora Neale Hurston, among others; and his ideas of how we perceive ourselves and society still resonate today with a vital immediacy and fresh urgency -- "Citizen Boas" indeed!

--Adam Van Doren, Author, "In the Founders' Footsteps," "The Stones of Yale," and "An Artist in Venice"