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## White Collar Radicals: TVA s Knoxville Fifteen, the New Deal, and the McCarthy Era (Hardback)

By Aaron Purcell

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