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When new residents of Washington's gentrifying U Street corridor stroll through their neighborhood, they see black-owned businesses nestled between new condos, stylish stores and trendy restaurants.

Yet it was only 40 years ago that violence erupted in that area after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. In "A Nation on Fire: America in the Wake of the King Assassination," Clay Risen describes how the riots devastated cities, strained race relations and polarized U.S. politics for decades.