

BOOKS TO KNOW ABOUT

Monthly Book Review from the Commission on Religion and Race

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As I was reading this book, I was reminded of a James Baldwin quote, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

This book is written from the perspective of growing up black, in America. Her perspective invited me to 'face' what her growing up was like and is eye opening. The author takes us into a store, where she is followed by a security guard. When she tries to get a better job, she is ignored. She lives in fear of being pulled over.

Another reviewer (Nunnally) wrote, "there are sections of the book for white people who are eager to understand race and work toward bettering the national conversation, and sections for people of color who might feel frustrated and misunderstood. This way, everyone is working toward a more productive discourse that results in change and new ideas."

The bottom line is that we are all in this together.



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