A Good Time For The Truth: Race In Minnesota
Synopsis

Essays that challenge, discomfort, disorient, galvanize, and inspire all of us to evolve now, for our shared future.

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Customer Reviews

This collection of essays is important for two significant reasons. The first is the most obvious, which is a candid and powerful view into issues of race (the focus is on Minnesota, but it's applicable for all of us in the U.S., not just Minnesotans). The second is the power, intensity, skill, and variety of approaches of the writers. Other than this being a who's who of established and up and coming writers in the northern state, this book is simply a work of literary art. This is already a must-read for all of us.

Minnesota, it IS a good time for the truth about racism, and the authors of this anthology share their deepest thoughts, hardships, and feelings with honesty, clarity, and braveness. The book is magnificently rich in its variety of voices from David Lawrence Grant’s quiet historical unearthing of our systemic "Minnesota Nice" problems, Heid Erdrich’s poetic collage of anecdotes that paint the pain of her in-between space, Shannon Gibney’s difficulties shopping at the hipster coop with her precious preschooler, Taiyon Coleman’s duo of racist graduate school options, and Bao Phi’s remembrances of the school yard taunts and his immigrant parent’s lack of "luck." This will be one of the most important books you read this year. Buy it, read it, share
it, but most of all, think deeply about its difficult truths.

This is an excellent book and should be required reading for all white Minnesotans. If we listened more to each other's stories we would understand better. This is a great collection of essays from a number of different Minnesotans or from people who have lived in Minnesota. I am going to encourage my local library to get it.

Thank you to these writers who opened themselves up, bared their souls, and share truths that liberate both themselves and the reader. I am urged on to continue to fight against injustice!

This is a powerful and revealing collection of essays. The essays are varied, from visceral to cerebral, and complement each other very well. I cannot recommend it highly enough!

Powerful, vital stories revealing the pain imposed by the "white" supremacist system and widespread popular mindset on everyone not defined as "white."

Excellent insights. There are places where the writers assumed discrimination, which there really wasn't any, but then that is part of the schism among us. Highly recommend!!

A moving collection of stories and voices. Highly recommended for anyone who wants to hear what people of color are saying about living in Minnesota and in the U. S. today.

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