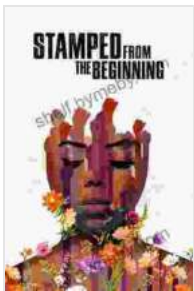


Stamped from the Beginning: A Rich History of African Americans and Racism in America

Stamped from the Beginning is a National Book Award-winning history of African Americans and racism in America. It is written by Ibram X. Kendi, a professor of history and international relations at the University of Maryland, College Park. The book traces the history of racism in America from its origins in the transatlantic slave trade to its present-day manifestations in mass incarceration and police brutality.



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A Rich History

Stamped from the Beginning is a comprehensive and well-researched history of African Americans and racism in America. Kendi draws on a wide range of sources, including scholarly research, primary documents, and personal narratives, to tell a complex and nuanced story. The book is divided into five parts, each of which focuses on a different period in American history.

The first part of the book, "The Seeds of Racism," traces the origins of racism in America to the transatlantic slave trade. Kendi argues that the slave trade created a system of racial hierarchy that divided people into two groups: white and black. White people were seen as superior to black people, and this belief was used to justify the enslavement of Africans.

The second part of the book, "The Curse of Ham," examines the role of religion in the development of racism in America. Kendi argues that the Curse of Ham, a biblical story that was used to justify the enslavement of Africans, was a powerful tool for white supremacy. The Curse of Ham was used to teach white people that they were superior to black people and that black people were destined to be slaves.

The third part of the book, "The Wages of Whiteness," explores the benefits that white people have received from racism. Kendi argues that racism has created a system of white privilege that has benefited white people in many ways, including economically, socially, and politically.

The fourth part of the book, "The Fire This Time," examines the civil rights movement and the fight for racial equality in America. Kendi argues that the civil rights movement was a major turning point in the history of race relations in America. The movement led to the passage of landmark

legislation, such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which helped to dismantle the system of racial segregation and discrimination.

The fifth part of the book, "The Color of Law," examines the role of the law in the perpetuation of racism in America. Kendi argues that the law has been used to create and maintain a system of racial inequality. He points to examples such as the redlining of black neighborhoods, the mass incarceration of black people, and the police brutality against black people.

A Call to Action

Stamped from the Beginning is a powerful and important book that sheds light on the deep-seated racism that exists in America. Kendi argues that racism is not simply a matter of individual prejudice, but a system of oppression that benefits white people at the expense of African Americans. He calls for a new understanding of racism that is based on the idea of antiracism, which is the active opposition to racism.

Kendi's book is a call to action. He challenges readers to confront the racism that exists in America and to work towards creating a more just and equitable society. Stamped from the Beginning is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the history of racism in America and to fight for racial justice.

Reviews

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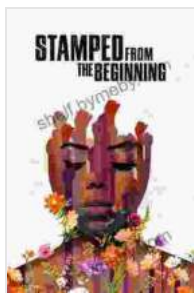
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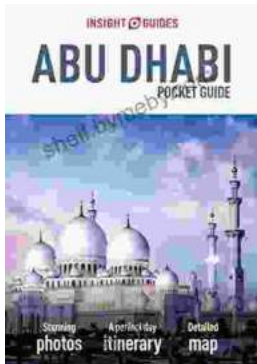
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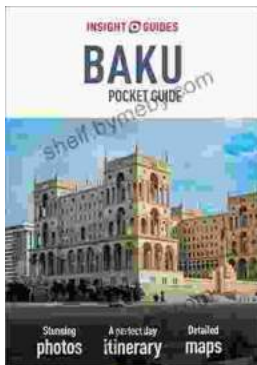
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