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Joel Augustus Roger's seminal work, this novel first published in 1917 is a polemic against the ignorance that fuels racism. The central plot revolves around a debate between a Pullman porter and a white racist Southern politician.

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Keyona says

Informative dialogue

This is my first piece of literature this author, but it won't be the last. I liked that this story was staged as a debate of sorts and really incited personal thoughts on issues. This book was written over a hundred years ago, but still has much application today. It really puts America's progress over that time period in perspective.

I also appreciated the mention of authors and literature throughout the story line. Most of them were added to !y list.

Mastish says

Must read book on Race. Brief yet comprehensive thoughts that show how American conceptions of the sources of racial prejudice are plain stupid as well as insanely inaccurate. Read!

George H Wortham says

Great Book

The story is the same 100 years later. Our President is passenger #1, but he has surrounded himself with anti-Dixons, so he will never see the light.

Could not have been more timely.

EUGENE WILLIAMS PHD says

Superb Book

I would recommend this book to every citizen of this the United States. It tackles race relations head on, without mixing words. It exposes the truth of supremacy. I am especially thankful to the homeless guy, who thought enough of me to recommend it.

Ruth Rivera says

Intellectually stimulating!

Superbly written. Every single argument presented with the utmost care. Beautifully inspiring. Makes me

want to meet not only the writer but his characters as well.

Kyle Chan says

The first part is where I summarize the story, but don't give away the ending.

The second part is where I review or explain what I thought about the book and why it deserved the number of stars I gave it.

Rabbit says

Fascinating

Not at all as simplistic as one might think, and sadly relevant; the arguments one sees in race relations have not changed much in the hundred years since this book was published. The e-book has some unfortunate typographical errors, and some of the scientific discussion in the book is very dated- generally all has gone far more in favor of racial equality, and the need for racial equity. Anyway, I could see his called preachy, but only because the polemic novel has fallen out of fashion. This remains a useful look back at the evolution of a question which should long have been settled.

Jerald Andrew says

Should be mandatory reading for every young man growing up in the 'hood. Pride inspiring!

Omaar Antonio says

This was a very easy read about a great early 1900's conversation between an "African-American" porter and a bigoted "white" senator, Rogers masterfully teaches his reader about race in the world.

Patrick Cooper says

"I'll tell you, because political tricksters find it very much easier to corral the vote of the whites by an appeal to race hate."

Jonah G says

This book should be required 5th grade and/or middle school reading. Rogers, being a scholar, a historian, and a great writer creates a history text written in novel form. He creates a scenario about two gentlemen,

one white the other black, discussing stereotypes common to that era on a train ride. With each stereotype asked about, the black gentlemen replies with a historical, scientific, anthropological, or statistical rebuttal that debunks the myth. This book is wonderful for children to get a lot of the stereotypes, myths, etc that they believe or have heard answered or refuted. The terminology can be a little difficult for a novice reader, but if done as a Black History Month read aloud, the instructor could use the difficult words as an opportunity to expand their students vocabulary.

Jessica Williams says

My favorite quote is listed below.

Whilst ideas of beauty are purely individual, the standard of nobility of the soul is universal. Character, then, should be the standard by which to judge human beings. After all, man is not like cattle which we rear for appearance sake. I think that any face lit up by the right living and high ideals is beautiful regardless of color.

Maurice Miles Martinez says

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