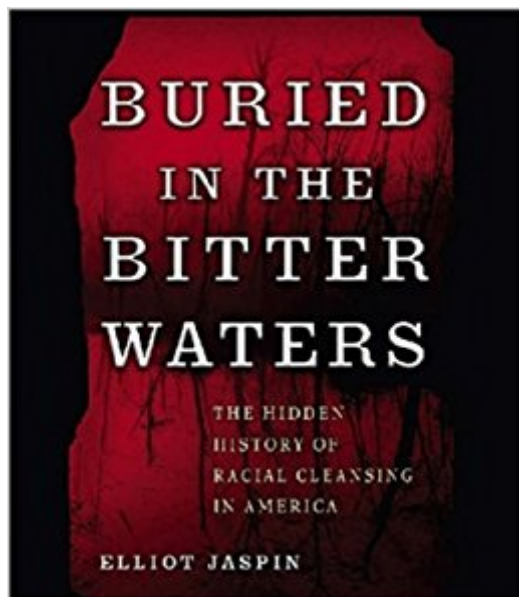


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Buried In The Bitter Waters



Synopsis

Jaspin exposes a shocking history of racial cleansing in the United States, and one that, alarmingly, continues to effect the geography of race in America to this day. The culmination of nearly a decade of research in regional archives and census bureaus, *Buried in the Bitter Waters* presents irrefutable evidence of brutal attacks on blacks by ordinary white Americans. The property-burnings, assaults, and killings occurred between the period of Reconstruction and the Great Depression, and no part of the U.S. was immune. The violence was largely successful in its aim of driving blacks out of areas. More troubling, Jaspin's research indicates those areas most effected remain largely white, making his findings not merely an interesting historical exposé but a troubling commentary on the ongoing state of race relations in the U.S.

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Jaspin's harrowing and exhaustively researched history of racial cleansing in the United States is painfully eye-opening, and Leslie's voice—filled with horror and sorrow—takes the pain to another level. One's eyes cannot lightly skip over the cringe-inducing passage that explains the physics of whipping, or the scene of the burning and disembowelment of a pregnant woman, or white leaders' hate-filled speeches. In a low tone radiating rage and disbelief at the senseless violence and hardcore racism, Leslie relates Jaspin's accounts of a dozen instances of blacks being driven out of their homes by whites in a steady, commanding pace. The stories are disparate in

locale and time—•the cleansings happened in both North and South after the Civil War through the '20s—•but they flow together thanks to their grim shared topic, Jaspin's eloquent prose and Leslie's almost cinematic delivery. Jaspin pursued this topic for 10 years. Listeners will be glad that he persevered to produce this important book: his passion and conviction are richly evident and inspiring throughout thanks to Leslie's first-rate narration. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jaspin draws on a decade of research of the horrific practices of small towns across America that resulted in the expulsion of black residents, the equivalent of racial cleansing. Drawing on archives and census data, Jaspin documents demographic changes from Reconstruction forward that show severe drops in black populations and the creation of towns that have remained all white. The most famous case of racial cleansing, Rosewood, Florida, in 1923, was no anomaly, as Jaspin notes 260 such towns. In fact, such expulsions were so common that newspaper accounts recorded them. Shame, an eagerness to forget, and reluctance to deal with reparations and compensation have allowed the expulsions to lapse into the past. Expulsions ranged from those centered on violence--lynchings and race riots--to threats and ultimatums that did not result in actual violence. Jaspin focuses on 12 of the worst cases, mapping out the counties, recounting the historical context, and interviewing those who remember. A chilling portrait of a shameful part of American history that has reshaped its racial geography. Vanessa BushCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

An incredible read. Not a single thing in this book for any American to be proud of.

humans with power suppressing fellow humans...it never ends and goes on all around the earth today. The reporter did an excellent job of research and showing how black folk had their lands stolen from them beginning right after reconstruction.

Mr. Jaspin is not unlike that one great-uncle, there's one in every family, who, no matter how young you are, nor how unsettling the story is, can be counted on to tell you the dispassionate, the reasoned, the unvarnished truth.Regardless of familial-censure, of possible shunning, or of the unspoken rules of cover-up, i.e.: denial, silence and deliberate amnesia. Inchoate, yet hard rules which keep the family dysfunctional, repressed. And which rules are sustained by the rest of the

family out of duty, habit, stupidity. The author does every American a grand service. Even an Atlanta newspaper which preferred to duck.

lot of history, I like it

Excellent book for the suppressed history of "cleansing" in my region, mostly going back to the forced removal of African Americans from counties in Georgia and North Carolina.

A powerful and provocative book, and sad at the same time. I found myself hoping someone would stand up for what was right, but it almost never happened. This book reveals a sad and embarrassing part of American race relations that is largely obscured. Well written and concise, with an extensive bibliography and index.

I do not love the content of this book but felt compelled to read it. I wish everyone would read it. It helps me to understand why we have the racial problems we have today.

I was channel hopping and came across a PBS independent film "Banished" and was quite surprised when the 1st place they mentioned was Washington County, Indiana, where I am originally from and where my family still is. I was curious, so I did a search on and came across this book. Again, 1st thing mentioned, Washington County, Indiana. Then, later on in the book I came across Laurel County, Kentucky, where my maternal grandmother's people are from! I never thought I could be so ashamed of where I came from. It hurts to read this book, that people can be so ignorant and cruel. I definitely suggest reading this. As I mentioned, it hurts, but we all should know our history, and hopefully quit repeating it.

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