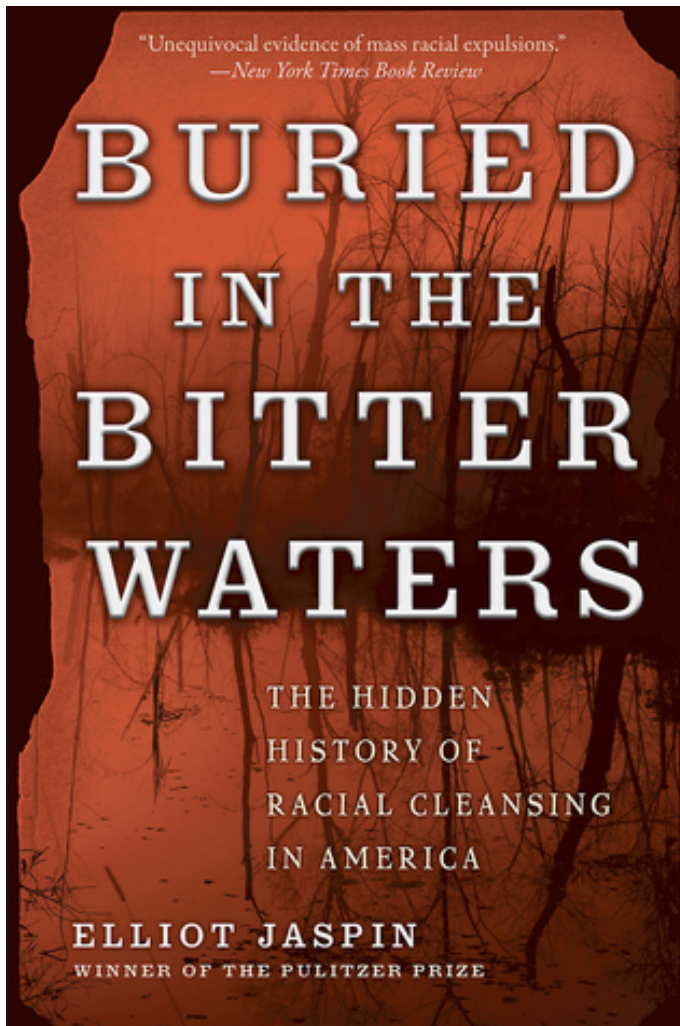

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**Buried in the Bitter Waters: The Hidden History of Racial
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Description

"Leave now, or die!" From the heart of the Midwest to the Deep South, from the mountains of North Carolina to the Texas frontier, words like these have echoed through more than a century of American history. The call heralded not a tornado or a hurricane, but a very *unnatural* disaster--a manmade wave of racial cleansing that purged black populations from counties across the nation. We have long known about horrific episodes of lynching in the South, but the story of widespread racial cleansing above and below the Mason-Dixon line--has remained almost entirely unknown. Time after time, in the period between Reconstruction and the 1920s, whites banded together to drive out the blacks in their midst. They burned and killed indiscriminately and drove thousands from their homes, sweeping entire counties clear of blacks to make them racially "pure." The expulsions were swift--in many cases, it took no more than twenty-four hours to eliminate an entire African-American population. Shockingly, these areas remain virtually all-white *to this day*. Based on nearly a decade of painstaking research in archives and census records, *Buried in the Bitter Waters* provides irrefutable evidence that racial cleansing occurred again and again on American soil, and fundamentally reshaped the geography of race. In this groundbreaking book, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Elliot Jaspin has rewritten American history as we know it.

Insightful reviews

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Joe McDonald: This book really opened my eyes to the history of racial cleansing throughout the history of the US. I never knew what blacks had to go through! What a horrible bit of history!

Gary: So you think lynchings were the extent of it? How about entire black communities destroyed over a single crime or even an alleged crime? How about if this were relatively commonplace in the late 19th—early 20th Century?

By the time you get to the middle of Jaspin's book, you'll begin to suffer a bit from the sheer repetition of these despicable acts. They start to all seem alike. But then, with Chapter Ten, the stories become even more bizarre. And shockingly, they are not all in Dixie either.

Read this book and then come back and tell me that this was all so very long ago. Um, no. It wasn't.

Liz: A striking workout in investigative journalism taking up 10 years of analysis to collect the tales of counties and groups that cleansed themselves in their black population. it'd be virtually incredible if there wasn't newspaper, census and tax roll information to verify it. The documentation begins in 1864 and keeps via 1923 and happens via a lot of the South and reduce Midwest states. I realized concerning the beginnings of the KKK, and the trendy day struggles inside a newspaper empire to even handle the issue. the writer is a Pulitzer Prize winner and it indicates in his recognition to detail, his thorough research, and his skill to notify the talk round the reparations wanted for the stolen land, homes and companies left via the

fleeing African Americans. specifically poignant are the fashionable day attitudes defined through his visits to every county- a few issues by no means change. (White counties are nonetheless very 'white')If you love to learn little recognized history, or are interested by occasions that have an effect on race kin to this day, it is a needs to read.

Ray: "Buried within the sour Waters" is a publication describing compelled elimination of blacks in a few components of the united states round the flip of the (20th) Century. it is a tale I hadn't heard of in my publicity to united states History, even supposing such a lot folks have heard similar tales of pressured removing of local americans from Indian lands in the course of the nineteenth Century. the writer describes his examine into the evidence following his unintended discovery of an all-white County in Arkansas ten years ago. distinct digging into census records, newspaper accounts from the past, estate deeds, and private bills resulted in his discovery of many circumstances of "racial cleansing", and his conclusions seem good substantiated. The tales he tells, starting from many components of the rustic together with Georgia, Arkansas, Kentucky, Indiana, and several other States and Counties, are either tragic and riveting. With carrying on with proof of events of ethnic detoxification on-going round the globe, corresponding to what happened after the breakup of Yugoslavia, Shia vs. Sunni in Iraq, Janaween assaults within the Darfur sector of Sudan, Hutu assaults on Tutsis in Rwanda, or prior examples starting from the Holocaust via the Nazi's to Khmer Rouge assaults in Cambodia, it just isn't dazzling that there can have been examples in our personal Country. with no being some degree of the book, the heritage informed additionally reminds us that "the correct of return", a sticking aspect in Arab-Israeli Palestinian peace negotiations, may be utilized to many parts round the world, together with our personal United States. With such a lot of different comparable examples glaring round the world, it is a convenience to imagine that our kingdom seems to have complex from close to common nationwide racial bias at the moment to with the ability to go with our first black President a hundred years later. Hopefully, a hundred years from now that lesson could be unfold to different parts worldwide as well.

Carol: Wow - one other eyeopener! I by no means heard approximately those incidents.

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