

# RACIAL JUSTICE

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## CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

305.8 R114R 2005

### **Race relations : opposing viewpoints**

Publisher: Greenhaven Press Thomson/Gale, c2005.

Controversies over race relations range from disagreement over whether they are improving or not to complex questions about the effects of race-conscious policies on society. This volume explores these topics in the following chapters: What Is the State of Race Relations in America? Is Racism a Serious Problem? What Should the Government Do to Improve Race Relations? How Can Society Improve Race Relations?

305.800973 B259U

### **Understanding and dismantling racism: the twenty-first century challenge to white America** by Barndt, Joseph R.

Publisher: Fortress Press, c 2007.

This book takes specific account of our society's ongoing failure to dismantle racism, the failure of the multicultural diversity model, and the need for a deeper understanding of racism's pernicious but embedded roots.

305.800973 J132R

### **Racial paranoia : the unintended consequences of political correctness : the new reality of race in America** by Jackson, John L., Jr.

Publisher: Basic Civitas, c2008.

After a loose historical survey of race matters before the 1960s, when brash and brazen American racism was mainstream, Jackson focuses on the current state of affairs in racial fears and distrust that have gone underground and express themselves as racial paranoia and de cardio racism (what the law can't touch, what won't be easily proved or disproved, what can't be simply criminalized or deemed unconstitutional).

305.800973 R1141R

### **Race and ethnicity** [Contemporary issues companion]

Publisher: Greenhaven Press/Thomson Gale, c2008.

305.8927 B345H

### **How does it feel to be a problem? : being young and Arab in America**

by Bayoumi, Moustafa.

Publisher: Penguin Press, 2008.

English professor and Arab American Bayoumi wondered how younger generations of Arab Americans were faring in a post-9/11 U.S. against the backdrop of fear and suspicion. By focusing on the lives of seven young people living in Brooklyn, Bayoumi offers a revealing portrait of life for people who are often scrutinized but seldom heard from.

305.896 R251M

**Mixing it up : taking on the media bullies and other reflections**

by Reed, Ishmael

Publisher: Da Capo Press, c2008.

Reed tackles subjects ranging from Oakland, eugenics, and domestic violence to the way gentrification is causing us to lose Black Harlem; and from the media portrayals of Michael Jackson and Kobe Bryant to a profile of legendary jazz saxophonist Sonny Rollins.

305.896073 C838C

**The covenant with black America**

Publisher: Third World Press Smiley Group, c2006.

This collection of essays is both a plea and a response to the self-assessed critical circumstances of black America today. Each section offers facts on racial disparities in the U.S.; practical suggestions on what individuals, communities, and the government can do to rectify problems; and other helpful resources. Although specifically aimed at problems and issues facing black America, this work has appeal for all readers interested in social issues that plague the nation as a whole.

305.896073 D995D

**Debating race with Michael Eric Dyson.** by Dyson, Michael Eric.

Publisher: Basic Civitas Books, c2007.

Collecting 27 transcribed conversations involving an impressive list of thinkers—including scholars (Gary Orfield, Cornel West), politicians (John McCain, John Kerry) and pop-political commentators (Stephen Colbert, Bill Maher)—Dyson and company tackle practically every angle in America's experience of race, including the legacy of the civil rights movement, immigration reform, affirmative action, urban poverty and the war on terror.

305.896073 F75R

**The race card: how bluffing about bias makes race relations worse**

by Ford, Richard T. (Richard Thompson)

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008.

In this journey through a political minefield, Ford examines dubious charges of racism and other kinds of bias, while acknowledging that exaggerated claims can piggyback on real examples of victimization.

306.0973 H415P

**Promises betrayed : waking up from the American dream** by Herbert, Bob  
Publisher: Times Books, 2005.

Herbert makes the case that in recent years America has too often failed to live up to its creed of fairness and justice in the lives of working people, racial minorities, children, and others not among the powerful. He introduces us to real people facing real problems and trying to maintain their dignity along the way, and he blows the whistle on imperious public officials who think the rules of common decency do not apply to them.

323.1196 H396L

**Long overdue: the politics of racial reparations** by Henry, Charles P  
Publisher: New York University Press, c2007.

As Hurricane Katrina made apparent, the legacy of racial segregation and economic disadvantage is never far below the surface in America. Long Overdue provides an up-to-date survey of the political and legislative efforts that are now breaking the surface to move reparations into the heart of our national discussion about race.

323.1196 K386S

**Sellout: the politics of racial betrayal** by Kennedy, Randall  
Publisher: Pantheon Books, c2008.

Kennedy looks at the ways in which prominent members of that community-- Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, and Barack Obama, among others--have been stigmatized as sellouts. He outlines the history of the suspicion of racial betrayal among Blacks, shows how current fears of selling out are expressed in thought and practice, and offers a case study of the quintessential "sellout"--Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, perhaps the most vilified Black public official in American history.

345.01092 F323I

**Indefensible: one lawyer's journey into the inferno of American justice** by Feige, David.

Publisher: Little, Brown and Co., 2006.

In an ordinary day in the life of this South Bronx public defender, readers encounter a range of people and circumstances that reflects a comedy of errors, except that the outcomes are hardly amusing and profoundly impact the life--or death--of the defendants. Feige brings an insider's perspective as he dares to humanize criminals and to criminalize law enforcement when it is deserved. With the staggering number of cases, shortage of personnel, and apparent caste and class differences inherent in our criminal justice system, this foray into the public defender's office throws a harsh light on the criminal justice system.

363.232 P758P 2007

**Police brutality : Opposing viewpoints series**

Publisher: Greenhaven Press Thomson Gale, c2007.

365.6 L934R

**Race, incarceration, and American values** by Loury, Glenn C.

Publisher: MIT Press, c2008.

Economist Glenn C. Loury argues that our extraordinary mass incarceration is not a response to rising crime rates or a proud success of social policy, but the product of a generation-old collective decision to become a more punitive society. He connects this policy to our history of racial oppression, showing that the punitive turn in American politics and culture emerged in the post-civil rights years and has today become the main vehicle for the reproduction of racial hierarchies.

**EMPLOYMENT**

305.569 N462C

**Chutes and ladders: navigating the low-wage labor market**

by Newman, Katherine S.

Publisher: Russell Sage Foundation Harvard University Press, 2006.

Now that the welfare system has been largely dismantled, the fate of America's poor depends to a large degree on what happens to them in the low-wage labor market. Katherine S. Newman explores whether the poorest workers and families benefited from the tight labor markets and good economic times of the late 1990s.

331.1330973 M2238F

**Freedom is not enough: the opening of the American workplace** by

MacLean, Nancy.

Publisher: Russell Sage Foundation Harvard University Press, 2006.

Freedom Is Not Enough reveals the fundamental role that jobs play in the struggle for equality. We meet the grassroots activists - rank-and-file workers, community leaders, trade unionists, advocates, lawyers - and their allies in government who fight for fair treatment, and we also witness the conservative forces that assembled to resist their demands

331.2153 W122W

**The wage gap**

Publisher: Greenhaven Press/Gale, Cengage Learning, c2008.

650.1082 C245D

**Double outsiders: how women of color can succeed in corporate America**

by Carter, Jessica Faye

Publisher: JIST Pub., c2007.

Double Outsiders analyzes critical success factors for professional women of color, provides resources, and offers potential solutions to challenges they face in corporate America. In addition, it provides companies with insight into one of their fastest-growing employee demographics and helps them learn key strategies for their recruitment and retention.

658.3008 AG93O

**Ouch! that stereotype hurts : communicating respectfully in a diverse world** by Aguilar, Leslie.

Publisher: Walk the Talk, c2006

If you want to be a more effective communicator in today's diverse workplace, this book is for you. If your organization wants to ensure that employees avoid biased, stereotypical and demeaning communication at work, you will find the guidance you need in this book.

658.3008 F36D

**Do you see what I see? : a diversity tale for retaining people of color** by

Fenn, Janice

Publisher: Pfeiffer, c2005.

Through the imaginative use of a fable, authors Janice Fenn and Chandra G. Irvin are able to show different points of view of leaders, managers, and newly recruited person of color. In the fable a mirror comes to life and offers insightful reflections that help executives and managers understand what it takes to "retain" POC in a highly competitive marketplace.

658.3008 G76D

**Diversity: leaders not labels** by Graham, Stedman.

Publisher: Free Press, c2006.

Entrepreneur and consultant Graham offers advice to a broad spectrum of minorities on developing the skills and talents necessary to succeed in a marketplace that is beginning to recognize the value of diversity.

## **BIOGRAPHY**

328.73092 B684S

**Step by step: a memoir of hope, friendship, perseverance, and living the American dream** by Bowman, Bertie

Publisher: One World/Ballantine Books, c2008.

A great American story of an ordinary man who is living an extraordinary life, Step by Step is the inspiring personal account of Bertie Bowman's remarkable rise from farmer's son in the Jim Crow South to hearing coordinator for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

362.42092 W694B

**Unspeakable: the story of Junius Wilson** by Burch, Susan.

Publisher: University of North Carolina Press, c2007.

Junius Wilson (1908-2001) spent seventy-six years at a state mental hospital in Goldsboro, North Carolina, including six in the criminal ward. He had never been declared insane by a medical professional or found guilty of any criminal charge. But he was deaf and black in the Jim Crow South. This is the story of his life.

364.134 R22L

**The lyncher in me : a search for redemption in the face of history** by Read, Warren

Publisher: Borealis Books, c2008.

Three black circus workers were lynched by a mob of more than 10,000 in Duluth, Minnesota, in 1920 on false charges that they had raped a teenage white girl. More than 80 years later, the author entered his mother's maiden name into a computer search engine, followed a link, and discovered that his great-grandfather had incited the riot. The memoir follows the author's discovery and his efforts to take responsibility for his ancestor's crime.

920 H117D

**Don't let my mama read this : a Southern fried memoir** by Hadjii.

Publisher: Harlem Moon/Broadway Books, c2008.

Meet Hadjii. He's got a loving family, a taste for making trouble, and a wicked sense of humor. In "Don't Let My Mama Read This," Hadjii recounts his adventures and misadventures in Georgia in the 1980s and '90s. A portrait of a well-lived childhood, it also offers a fresh, funny, eye-opening look at the topic of race in America

978.300495 C347H

**Hapa girl: a memoir** by Chai, May-Lee.

Publisher: Temple University Press, 2007.

The Chai family, used to liberal, progressive California and New York City, suffered terribly when Chai's father took a post at a rural university: prejudice ran deeply in the little town where they settled. Shots were fired close to their house, their pets were killed and the author and her brother were the victims of racist verbal assaults.

## EDUCATION

371.2 C421I

**It's being done: academic success in unexpected schools** by Chenoweth, Karin.

Publisher: Harvard Education Press, c2007.

This straightforward and inspiring book takes readers into schools where educators believe and prove that all children, even those considered hard-to-teach, can learn to high standards. Their teachers and principals refuse to write them off and instead show how thoughtful instruction, high expectations, stubborn commitment, and careful consideration of each child's needs can result in remarkable improvements in student achievement.

371.829 EA83C

**The children in room E4: American education on trial** by Eaton, Susan E.

Publisher: Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2007, c2006.

The separate but equal doctrine may have been repudiated by the Supreme Court, but as Eaton cogently demonstrates in this stirring and sobering account of the school system in inner-city Hartford, Conn., major educational inequality still exists in many inner-city schools

371.829 EV277E

**Everyday antiracism: getting real about race in school**

Publisher: New Press Distributed by W.W. Norton & Co., c2008.

How should teachers respond when children ask challenging questions about race? How should teachers handle the use of the "N-word" or discuss "achievement gaps" with colleagues? How can teachers avoid unwittingly making children of color speak on behalf of their entire group? In more than fifty original pieces written especially for this groundbreaking book, *Everyday Antiracism* offers practical advice for teachers and parents

371.8296 N689T

**The trouble with Black boys : and other reflections on race, equity, and the future of public education** by Noguera, Pedro.

Publisher: Jossey-Bass, c2008.

Influenced by culture and aware of the lack of prospects for them, black boys in particular, but minority students of all kinds, make the kinds of poor choices that fulfill the low expectations of their teachers and the broader society. Education professor Noguera examines the cultural, societal-and personal-factors that create the stubborn link between race and poverty.

379.26 UN29U

**Unfinished business: closing the racial achievement gap in our schools**

Publisher: Jossey-Bass, c2006.

As the authors found and as the title suggests, there is far more involved in accomplishing the goal of academic equity than simply mandating it into existence, or raising intercultural sensitivity, or even providing "equal educational opportunities".

## **RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES**

261.8 SA49J

**Justice in the burbs : being the hands of Jesus wherever you live** by

Samson, Will

Publisher: Baker Books, c2007.

In the suburban world of nice homes, neat lawns, and new cars, it can be easy to forget about social justice issues. Life keeps us busy, and the poor and disenfranchised of our world are invisible as we go from our garage to our workplace and back again. But suburbanites can be a force for social justice in the world.

303.372 M3524B

**The beloved community: how faith shapes social justice, from the civil rights movement to today** by Marsh, Charles,

Publisher: Basic Books, c2005.

Marsh, a religion professor at the University of Virginia, argues that the Civil Rights movement was, at its core, a Christian attempt to forge a "beloved community" of believers who identify with the poor and dispossessed and seek justice on their behalf.

305.48697 SH251S

**Shattering the stereotypes: Muslim women speak out**

Publisher: Olive Branch Press, 2005.

Muslim women writers and scholars in the humanities and social sciences from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds, most working in the US, offer their own representations of Muslim women in their essays, poems, journalism, religious discourses, fiction, and plays.

305.697 G716I

**Islamophobia: making Muslims the enemy** by Gottschalk, Peter, 1963-

Publisher: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, c2008.

The authors say that Islamophobia a racistlike bias against Muslims based on stereotypes is very real, manifesting in some cartoons that are obviously biased and others that appear on the surface to be more sympathetic.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

305.8 EW35T

**Typecasting: on the arts & sciences of human inequality; a history of dominant ideas** by Ewen, Elizabeth.

Publisher: Seven Stories Press, c2006.

In this work of popular history, Ewen exposes the pivotal developments that have made stereotypes a persistent, common language. Moving across centuries and continents in thirty eloquent vignettes, their journey uncovers the incubation of modern stereotypes in the halls of science and aesthetics and traces their materialization in the popular imagination.

305.800973 G914W

**What blood won't tell: a history of race on trial in America**

by Gross, Ariela Julie.

Publisher: Harvard University Press, 2008.

In 1857, Alexina Morrison, a slave in Louisiana, ran away from her master and surrendered herself to the parish jail for protection. Blue-eyed and blond, Morrison successfully convinced white society that she was one of them. When she sued for her freedom, witnesses assured the jury that she was white, and that they would have known if she had a drop of African blood. Morrison's court trial - and many others over the past 150 years - involved high stakes: freedom, property, and civil rights.

305.800976 AS23S

**The senator and the sharecropper : the freedom struggles of James O. Eastland and Fannie Lou Hamer** by Asch, Christopher Myers.

Publisher: New Press Distributed by W.W. Norton, 2008.

Infamous senator Eastland and famed civil rights leader Hamer grew up only miles apart in the Mississippi Delta but in vastly different circumstances. Eastland, part of a wealthy cotton-planter family, became one of the most powerful men in the U.S. as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Hamer grew up a sharecropper on the receiving end of Eastland's efforts to protect the interests of the planters at the expense of the workers.

305.896073 B566S

**Slavery by another name: the re-enslavement of Black people in America from the Civil War to World War II** by Blackmon, Douglas A.

Publisher: Doubleday, 2008.

Blackmon's book reveals in devastating detail the legal and commercial forces that created this neoslavery along with deeply moving and totally appalling personal testimonies of survivors. Every incident in this book is true, he writes; one wishes it were not so.

307.76 L825S

**Sundown towns : a hidden dimension of American racism**

by Loewen, James W.

Publisher: New Press Distributed in the United States by Norton, 2005.

For many decades, hundreds of towns, small cities, and suburbs, most of them in the North, intentionally kept black families from residence by violence, threats of violence, and legal segregation. Loewen examines how racially exclusionary sundown towns were created, including their founding myths, and how they remained all white once created.

323.1196 K159W

**When affirmative action was white : an untold history of racial inequality in twentieth-century America** by Katznelson, Ira.

Publisher: W.W. Norton, c2005.

The war economy and labor needs expanded opportunities for blacks and substantially reduced economic disparities. But postwar policies to promote home ownership and labor laws regarding minimum wages deliberately excluded blacks. Other policies providing the engine that produced today's middle class, including the GI benefits that financed college education, reinforced the discriminatory patterns.

342.0872 W675L

**Like a loaded weapon: the Rehnquist court, Indian rights, and the legal history of racism in America** by Williams, Robert

Publisher: University of Minnesota Press, c2005.

Robert A. Williams Jr. boldly exposes the ongoing legal force of the racist language directed at Indians in American society. Fueled by well-known negative racial stereotypes of Indian savagery and cultural inferiority, this language, Williams contends, has functioned "like a loaded weapon" in the Supreme Court's Indian law decisions.

364.134 AR34M

**The murder of Emmett Till** by Aretha, David.

Publisher: Morgan Reynolds Pub., c2007.

The heinous murder of Emmett Till galvanized the civil rights movement and raised the nation's awareness of the extreme racism in the South. Described by his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, as "a little nobody who shook up the world," Till was 14 in 1955, when he was kidnapped and murdered (for flirting with a white woman in the small town of Money, Mississippi).

796.357 B915P

**Playing America's game : baseball, Latinos, and the color line**

by Burgos, Adrian

Publisher: University of California Press, c2007

In this benchmark study on Latinos and professional baseball from the 1880s to the present, Adrian Burgos Jr. tells a compelling story of the men who negotiated the color line at every turn—passing as "Spanish" in the major leagues or seeking respect and acceptance in the Negro leagues..

973.0496 M323L

**Living Black history: how reimagining the African-American past can remake America's racial future** by Marable, Manning,

Publisher: Basic Civitas Books, c2006.

Lamenting the absence of detailed histories of pivotal African American figures, or analyses that are too superficial and propagandistic, Marable offers a probing look at several historical figures and the civil-rights movement. In his critique of W. E. B. DuBois, Marable exposes much of the myth and conflict between DuBois and Booker T. Washington and exposes them both to be more complex and engaged than most works reveal. Regarding Malcolm X, Marable suggests that Alex Haley's biography and Spike Lee's film are most significant for their slants and omissions.

973.81 D797C

**Capitol men: the epic story of Reconstruction through the lives of the first Black congressmen** by Dray, Philip.

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2008.

Pulitzer Prize finalist Philip Dray shines a light on a little known group of men: the nation's first black members of Congress. These men played a critical role in pushing for much-needed reforms in the wake of a traumatic civil war, including public education for all children, equal rights, and protection from Klan violence

976.367 L24D

**The day freedom died: the Colfax massacre, the Supreme Court, and the betrayal of Reconstruction** by Lane, Charles,

Publisher: Henry Holt and Co., 2008.

The Colfax Massacre, a buried episode in American history, took place on an Easter Sunday afternoon in 1873. Within four hours, at least eighty black American men had been brutally murdered by white vigilantes in Colfax, La. Journalist Lane's groundbreaking and persuasive work illustrates this pivotal event in the political and constitutional history of post Civil War America and its social, political and judicial aftermath.

977.6581 G82P

**A peculiar imbalance : the fall and rise of racial equality in early Minnesota** by Green, William D. (William Davis), 1950-

Publisher: Minnesota Historical Society Press, c2007.

In this hitherto untold history of Minnesota, Green (history, Augsburg College) examines the political, social, and legal experiences of blacks living in the region between 1837 and 1869. The text explores the roles black Minnesotans had as slaves and free men and women and as residents of Fort Snelling, of missions, of Indian communities, and of an early St. Paul evolving from a French-speaking settlement into an American city, and the impact of interracial relationships and the views of others on the formation of a black person's self-identity.

## DVDS, BOOKS ON CD

DVD 342.73085 AC635G

**The ACLU freedom files. Racial profiling** [videorecording (DVD)]

Publisher: ACLU Foundation, c2005.

1 videodisc (28 min., 30 sec.)

This episode features real clients and the attorneys who represented them in cases involving racial profiling.

DVD 363 R449M

**The right focus on ...** [videorecording (DVD)] by Minnesota. Dept. of Human Rights. Close-captioned.

Publisher: Minnesota Department of Human Rights, c2007.

4 videodisc (ca. 3 hours, 51 min.)

A panel discusses greedy and criminal lending practices, mental disability and discrimination, racial disparities in the criminal justice system and the lack of equal opportunity in the restaurant industry.

DVD 364.1523 T735S

**The trials of Darryl Hunt** [videorecording (DVD)]

Publisher: Distributed by Thinkfilm, 2007

1 videodisc (ca. 1 hour, 47 min.)

Chronicling this capital case from 1984-2004, filmmakers Ricki Stern and Annie Sundberg painstakingly frame the judicial and emotional responses to a chilling crime, and the implications surrounding Darryl Hunt's wrongful conviction.

DVD 658.3 V249S

**Valuing diversity at the interpersonal level** [videorecording (DVD)]

Publisher: Bureau of Business Practice Distributed by Kantola Productions, 2004.

1 videodisc (17 min.)

In a fictional work setting--the Pompano Grill--employees face the issues of diversity in their relationships with one another and with their customers. Viewers are shown that culture and social history affect our perceptions and prejudices, causing communication gaps. Respecting and valuing all differences creates effectiveness in the workplace.

DVD 780.267 D815J

**Dreamworlds 3: desire, sex & power in music**

Publisher: Media Education Foundation, c2007.

1 videodisc (54 min.)

A look at how the narratives of music videos shape individual & cultural attitudes toward femininity, masculinity, sexuality and race.

DVD POO

**Poor boy's game** [videorecording (DVD)] Danny Glover, Rossif Sutherland, Flex Alexander, Greg Bryk, Laura Regan, Tonya Lee Williams, Stephen McHattie, K.C. Collins, Dwain Murphy, Wes Williams.

Publisher: Thinkfilm, 2008

1 videodisc (ca. 105 min.)

Donnie Rose has been in prison for the past nine years for beating a black teen so brutally that it left him handicapped for life. Now, Donnie is out. He's a different man, but only has one place to go: back home to the same violent and racist place that created him. George Carvery has waited nine years to avenge his son's fate at the hands of Donnie. Ossie Paris is a devastatingly talented boxer who challenges Donnie to a match. But when George and Donnie meet face to face, the need for revenge subsides, and they form the unlikeliest of bonds as Donnie prepares for the fight of his life.

DVD KIL

**Killer of sheep** [videorecording (DVD)]

Cast for Killer of sheep: Henry Gayle Sanders, Kaycee Moore, Charles Bracy, Angela Burnett, Eugene Cherry, Jack Drummond.

Publisher: Milestone Film & Video Distributed by New Yorker Video, c2007.

2 videodiscs (332 min.)

A masterpiece of African American filmmaking and one of the finest debuts in cinema history, *Killer of Sheep* was chosen for the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress. In the Los Angeles community of Watts, Stan, a sensitive dreamer, is growing detached and numb from the toll of working at a slaughterhouse. Frustrated by money problems, he finds respite in moments of simple beauty: the warmth of a teacup against his cheek, slow dancing with his wife, holding his daughter. Combining lyrical moments with neorealist style, Burnett unfolds his story with compassion and humor.

CD 305.896 J313B

**Buried in the bitter waters: the hidden history of racial cleansing in America**

by Jaspin, Elliot.

Unabridged ed. Read by Don Leslie

Publisher: High Bridge, p2007.

9 sound discs (10 hours, 45 min.)

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. 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.

CD MEN

**The beautiful things that heaven bears** [compact disc (unabridged)] by Mengestu, Dinaw, 1978- Narrated by Dion Graham.

Publisher: Recorded Books, p2008.

6 sound discs (7 hr.)

In his run-down store in a gentrifying neighborhood of Washington, D.C., Ethiopian immigrant Stepha Stephanos regularly meets with fellow African immigrants Ken the Kenyan and Joe from the Congo. Their favorite game is matching African nations to coups and dictators, as they consider how their new immigrant expectations measure up to the reality of life in America after 17 years. From his store and nearby apartment, Stephanos makes keen observations of American race and class tensions, seeing similarities--physical and social--to his hometown of Addis Ababa, where his father was killed in the throes of revolution.

CD JOR

**Mudbound** [compact disc (unabridged)] by Jordan, Hillary. Narrated by various narrators.

Publisher: Recorded Books, p2008.

8 sound discs (9 hr., 30 min.)

Mudbound takes on prejudice in its myriad forms on a Mississippi Delta farm in 1946. City girl Laura McAllen attempts to raise her family despite questionable decisions made by her husband. Tensions continue to rise when her brother-in-law and the son of a family of sharecroppers both return from WWII as changed men bearing the scars of combat.