

My White Best Friend: A Memoir of Friendship, Race, and the American Dream

In her powerful and moving memoir, *My White Best Friend*, journalist and author Tanisha C. Ford explores the complexities of race and friendship in America. Ford tells the story of her lifelong friendship with her white best friend, Susan, and how their relationship has been shaped by the different ways they experience the world.



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Ford is a black woman who grew up in a poor neighborhood in Detroit. Susan is a white woman who grew up in a wealthy suburb. Despite their different backgrounds, the two women have been friends since they were children. They have shared countless experiences together, from playing in the park to attending college to getting married and having children.

But as they have grown older, Ford and Susan have come to realize that their experiences of the world are very different. Ford has faced racism and

discrimination throughout her life, while Susan has never had to worry about these things. This difference in their experiences has led to some difficult conversations and misunderstandings between the two friends.

Despite the challenges, Ford and Susan have remained friends. They have learned to talk about their differences openly and honestly, and they have worked to build a bridge between their two worlds. Their friendship is a testament to the power of love and understanding, and it shows that it is possible to overcome the barriers of race and culture.

My White Best Friend is a beautifully written and deeply moving memoir that will stay with you long after you finish reading it. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the challenges and rewards of living in a multicultural society.

Reviews

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- Ibram X. Kendi, author of *How to Be an Antiracist*

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- Jacqueline Woodson, author of *Red at the Bone*

About the Author

Tanisha C. Ford is a journalist and author. She is the author of the memoir *My White Best Friend* and the novel *The Girls Who Would Be Great*. Ford's work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Atlantic*. She is a graduate of Harvard University and the Columbia University School of Journalism.

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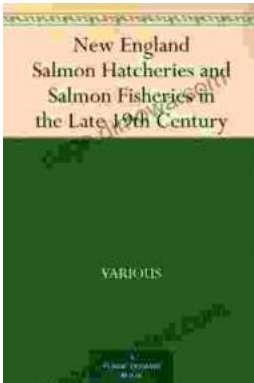
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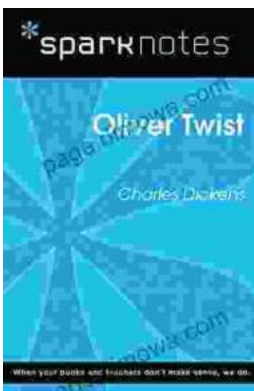


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