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The Color of Compromise

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"The Color of Compromise" is a book by Jemar Tisby that explores the history of racism and the Christian church in America, and how Christians can work toward racial reconciliation. The publication date is January 22, 2019, with the genre being Christian Literature, and it is not part of a series. The book explores the history of racism in the American church, highlighting the ways in which mainstream Christianity has both perpetuated and resisted white supremacy. The author, Jemar Tisby, argues that the church's complicity in systemic oppression has led to a distorted gospel, and a failure to fully embody the teachings of Jesus. Through historical analysis and personal anecdotes, Tisby offers a compelling call to action for individuals and communities to confront and dismantle racism in all its forms. "The story of racial injustice in America is one of ongoing injustice, of new forms of oppression that replace the old, and of an unbroken chain of resistance that stretches back centuries."

This book, it is discussed the actions and beliefs of various historical figures and religious organizations in relation to race and racism. Some of the historical figures and religious organizations include Cotton Mather, Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, Francis Asbury, Richard Allen, Charles Finney, Theodore Weld, William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass, and many others. "The Color of Compromise" discusses the history of racism within the Christian church in the United States. It does not specifically focus on religious organizations or

denominations. Instead, it examines the ways in which racism has been present and perpetuated in various Christian communities throughout history.

The literacy objective of the book is to provide a comprehensive and honest account of the role that the American church has played in perpetuating racism and racial injustice throughout history. It aims to educate readers on the ways in which racism has been intertwined with Christianity and to encourage them to work toward racial reconciliation and justice."Most Christians in America have been complicit with racism, and far too few have been courageous in the fight for racial justice." The author identifies various individuals and groups who played a role in perpetuating racist ideologies and policies throughout history. The qualities of these individuals and groups vary, but the book argues that their actions were harmful and perpetuated systemic racism.

To be like Jesus in this context, the church must actively work to dismantle racist systems and promote justice and equality for all people, as Jesus did during his time on earth. This issue involves acknowledging and repenting of past wrongs, advocating for marginalized communities, and promoting diversity and inclusion. One of the common themes in this book is ignorance towards racism and Indifference to oppression. Another theme is the truth of reconciliation. Racism continues to plague the church. This book is about telling the truth, revealing racism, and the American church's disgusting involvement in racism, the divide between blacks and whites in American Christianity. Characters include Martin Luther King Jr. One of the strengths of this book is that it may be challenging to read, because of the long history of racism being revealed, leaving space to object to or oppose the topics. This response is a

strength because it is the absolute harsh truth, and some books may try to cover up what this book is trying to uncover.

The call to action in the book is for Christians to acknowledge and repent of their complicity in racism throughout history and actively work toward racial reconciliation and justice in the present day. The author, Jemar Tisby, offers a thought-out analysis of how racism has been normalized in American society and how Christians can work towards getting rid of its harmful effects. The book is a valuable resource for anyone seeking to better understand the complex issues surrounding race and racism in America.