

# African Americans, Native Americans, and the Predicament of Race and Identity

In the United States, the relationship between African Americans and Native Americans has been both complex and fraught. Both groups have experienced the trauma of slavery and colonization, and both have struggled to construct their identities in a society that has often defined them in negative terms.



## That the Blood Stay Pure: African Americans, Native Americans, and the Predicament of Race and Identity in Virginia (Blacks in the Diaspora) by Arica L. Coleman

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This book explores the complex and often fraught relationship between African Americans and Native Americans, two groups that have both experienced the trauma of slavery and colonization. Through a series of essays, the book examines the ways in which these two groups have constructed their identities in relation to each other, and the challenges they have faced in building a shared sense of community.

The book begins by exploring the historical relationship between African Americans and Native Americans. The authors argue that this relationship has been shaped by a number of factors, including the fact that both groups were brought to the United States against their will and forced to live in close proximity to each other.

The book then goes on to examine the ways in which African Americans and Native Americans have constructed their identities in relation to each other. The authors argue that both groups have developed a sense of identity that is based on their shared experiences of oppression and discrimination.

However, the authors also argue that there are a number of factors that have prevented African Americans and Native Americans from building a shared sense of community. These factors include the fact that the two groups have often been divided by language, culture, and economics.

Despite the challenges, the authors argue that there is a growing movement for solidarity between African Americans and Native Americans. This movement is based on the recognition that both groups have a shared interest in fighting for justice and equality.

This book is a valuable contribution to the literature on race and identity in the United States. It provides a nuanced and insightful analysis of the complex relationship between African Americans and Native Americans.

## **Reviews**

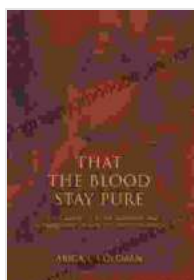
"This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the complex and often fraught relationship between African Americans and Native

Americans. The authors provide a nuanced and insightful analysis of the historical, social, and cultural factors that have shaped this relationship."

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

"This book is a powerful and moving account of the shared experiences of oppression and discrimination that have shaped the identities of African Americans and Native Americans. The authors offer a compelling argument for the need for solidarity between these two groups."

-Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, author of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*

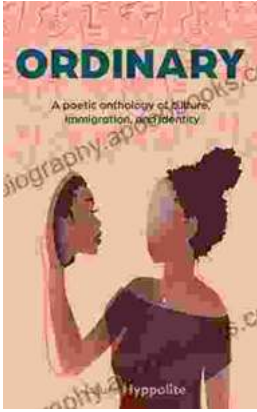


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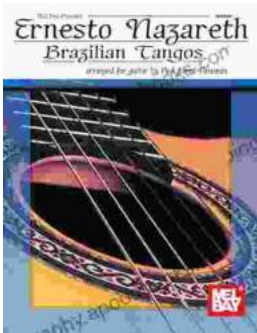
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