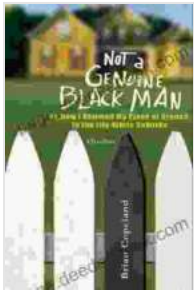


# Or How I Claimed My Piece of Ground in the Lily White Suburbs



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I grew up in a predominantly white neighborhood in the suburbs of a major city. I was one of the only African American families in the neighborhood, and I often felt like an outsider. The other kids didn't seem to know what to make of me, and they often treated me differently than the white kids.

I was often the target of racial slurs and jokes. I was excluded from playgroups and birthday parties. And I was constantly reminded that I was different, that I didn't belong.

But I refused to let the racism and prejudice of others define me. I was determined to succeed, to make something of myself, and to show the world that I was just as good as anyone else.

I threw myself into my studies, and I excelled in school. I was involved in extracurricular activities, and I made friends with people from all walks of life.

But despite my success, I still felt like an outsider in my own neighborhood. I didn't feel like I truly belonged, and I longed for a place where I could feel accepted and celebrated.

Then, one day, I found it. I was invited to a party at the home of a new family in the neighborhood. The family was African American, and they welcomed me with open arms.

For the first time in my life, I felt like I truly belonged. I was surrounded by people who looked like me, who understood my experiences, and who celebrated my culture.

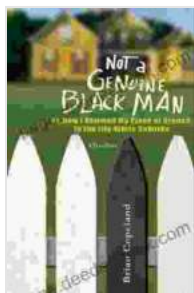
That party changed my life. It gave me the confidence to be myself, to embrace my identity, and to claim my place in the world.

I am now a successful adult, and I live in a diverse and inclusive community. I have a wonderful family, and I am surrounded by friends who love and support me.

I have come a long way from the shy and insecure child who grew up in the lily white suburbs. But I am grateful for the experiences that shaped me, and I am proud of the person I have become.

I am a survivor. I am a fighter. And I am a victor.

I have claimed my piece of ground in the lily white suburbs, and I will never let anyone take it away from me.



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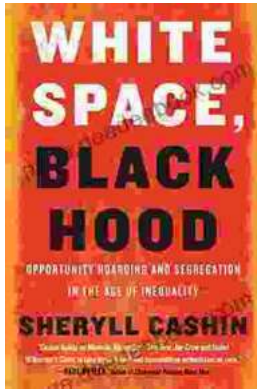
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