

A WHITE DUCK IN A BLACK POND

RACE, IDENTITY,
AND PRIVILEGE

a memoir

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Dane's compelling memoir is engrossing, relevant, and as timely today as decades ago. The son of a White mother and African American father during the 1950s presented challenges on its own, but the bane of his existence wasn't that he was mixed, it was because he believed himself one hundred percent Black despite his white skin. His chosen identity led to an endless wave of rejection, violence, and torment.

Until reaching his preteens, he was accepted as a tribal brother throughout his Black community, but that rite of passage was precipitously rescinded once his age and image made him a reflective threat. It was then that school gangs began brutally attacking him. Undeterred by repeated assaults, he continued seeking acceptance from his Black brothers—but it was for naught. The revulsion toward him was because he could do something the majority of African Americans couldn't—he could pass as White. His doing so was no panacea however, and aggressive White students rejected him for appearing, speaking, and identifying as a stereotypical African American youth.

Dane was a Black boy somatically entrapped in white pigmentation and was repulsed by Black and White peers alike.

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