

Race And The Brazilian Body: An Exploration of Identity, Beauty, and Power



Race and the Brazilian Body: Blackness, Whiteness, and Everyday Language in Rio de Janeiro by Matt Morris

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In *Race And The Brazilian Body*, Lilia Schwarcz and Heloisa Starling explore the complex and often contradictory relationship between race, beauty, and power in Brazil. Through a rich tapestry of personal stories, historical analysis, and cultural criticism, the book reveals how race has shaped the Brazilian body, from the colonial era to the present day.

Schwarcz and Starling argue that the Brazilian body has been a site of both oppression and liberation. During the colonial era, the Portuguese colonizers imposed a rigid racial hierarchy on Brazil, with whites at the top and blacks at the bottom. This hierarchy was reinforced through a system of slavery that lasted for over three centuries.

After independence, Brazil abolished slavery and adopted a policy of racial democracy. However, this policy was more rhetoric than reality. In practice,

Brazil remained a deeply racist society, with blacks and other non-whites facing discrimination in all aspects of life.

In the twentieth century, Brazil experienced a period of rapid economic growth and urbanization. This led to a shift in the country's racial demographics, with blacks and other non-whites moving to cities in search of work. This migration led to increased contact between different racial groups, and it also challenged the traditional racial hierarchy.

Today, Brazil is a racially diverse country with a complex history of race relations. Schwarcz and Starling argue that the Brazilian body is a reflection of this history. It is a body that has been shaped by oppression and liberation, by beauty and violence. It is a body that is constantly being contested and redefined.

Race And The Brazilian Body is a groundbreaking exploration of the relationship between race, beauty, and power in Brazil. Through a rich tapestry of personal stories, historical analysis, and cultural criticism, the book reveals the complex and often contradictory ways that race has shaped the Brazilian body, from the colonial era to the present day.

Reviews

“*Race And The Brazilian Body* is a must-read for anyone interested in race, gender, and beauty in Brazil. Schwarcz and Starling have written a brilliant and thought-provoking book that will challenge your assumptions about race and beauty.”

—Kimberlé Crenshaw, author of *On Intersectionality: Essential Writings*

“Race And The Brazilian Body is a groundbreaking work that sheds new light on the relationship between race, beauty, and power in Brazil. Schwarcz and Starling have produced a rich and nuanced analysis that is essential reading for anyone interested in race and gender in Latin America.”

—Edward Telles, author of *Race in Another America: The Significance of Skin Color in Brazil*

“Race And The Brazilian Body is a powerful and provocative book that will make you think long and hard about the relationship between race, beauty, and power. Schwarcz and Starling have written a must-read for anyone interested in race and gender in the Americas.”

—Jennifer Nash, author of *The Black Body in American Culture: From Frederick Douglass to Beyoncé*

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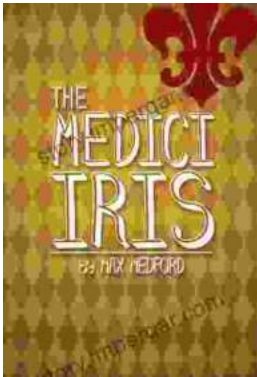
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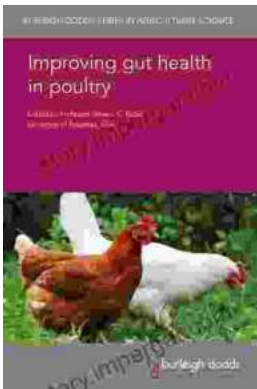
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