



Title: Economic Racism - Memoir of a Heroic Nonconformist

Author: Martin Kush

Genre: Nonfiction/Memoir

Audience: Adult

Word Count: 100000

Assessment:

Plot/Idea: *Economic Racism* is a sharp, smart overview of the multi-faceted ways in which the American economic landscape is built on white supremacy.

Prose: Kush excels at distilling complex concepts and theories into easy-to-understand language. In many places, Kush, an American of Caribbean origin, is addressing white readers directly—he does so in a way that does not sugar-coat the nature of socio-economic white privilege, but also fosters a rapport of sorts with the reader. He aims to teach, not blame.

Originality: While more books are slowly being published and circulated to educate white Americans on the nuances of white privilege and offer corrections for biased systems, what is unique about *Economic Racism* is its comprehensive nature. Kush delves into every component of society—financial, educational, emotional, and more—to demonstrate how deep America's anti-Brown and Black systems go.

Character/Execution: Overall an outstanding and illuminating overview of white privilege in America, with useful suggestions for dismantling the systems that keep it in place, the book's one major drawback is its prodigious length. The author includes many anecdotes to support his claims—so many, in fact, that they at times carry readers away from the bigger points and institutions at the center of America's racism.

Blurb: Timely and important, Kush's *Economic Racism* provides an in-depth examination of the numerous ways in which American society has internalized white supremacy, with a specific focus on the ways in which our economic system favors white Americans, including thoughtful suggestions on how we can begin to correct these wrongs.

Score:

Plot/Idea: 9

Originality: 9

Prose: 9 Character/Execution: 7

Character/Execution: 7 Overall: 8.50

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