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BOOK RESUME: BLACK LIKE ME

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In the Deep South of the 1950s, a color line was etched in blood across Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. Journalist John Howard Griffin decided to cross that line. Using medication that darkened his skin to deep brown, he exchanged his privileged life as a Southern white man for the disenfranchised world of an unemployed Black man.

What happened to John Howard Griffin—from the outside and within himself—as he made his way through the segregated Deep South is recorded in this searing work of nonfiction. His audacious, still chillingly relevant eyewitness history is a work about race and humanity every American must read.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“Essential reading . . . a social document of the first order, providing material absolutely unavailable elsewhere with such authenticity that it cannot be dismissed.” —*San Francisco Chronicle*

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [Black Like Me, 50 Years Later](#) (2011)

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