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Voice of Change

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I opened the newspaper on July 1, 2020, and it was filled with reports of protests across the United States of America. I wondered what had happened. I read all about the death of George Floyd and the protests for the rights of black people. These events left a deep impact on me. Everyone is a human, irrespective of color, religion, language, region, and class. We all may look different, speak differently, or dress differently. Yet, what matters is that our hearts beat the same. We all hold the same universal values, despite the differences. I am reminded of a beautiful song: "Walking with the lord, we are walking in the morning. Black, brown, and white together, walking, singing new songs now building new lives, building new bridges and walking distant miles."



It saddens me that we humans love to classify, label, demarcate, and form opinions and prejudices. Haven't we learned anything from history? Hitler ordered to kill innocent Jews. He held strong anti-Semitic beliefs. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and hero of WW2, did not care about the millions of Indians who died in the great famine of Bengal. General Dyer, who on April 13, 1919, marched with his troops, and fired thousands of people, including women and children. On the contrary, empathists like Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., and Maya Angelou helped millions of souls. Their contribution to this world depicts that:

GOODNESS AND BADNESS OF HEART ARE NOT DEPENDENT ON RACE OR COLOR.

As a young leader, I foresee building a world based on equality and justice as the basis of society. These issues are pretty close to my heart, and I will always ensure to be sensitive and raise my voice against the atrocities to build a better tomorrow.

Exploring the Depths of Belongingness in Black History

Inspired by the book 'Becoming' by Michelle Obama



As Black History Month unfolds, it's crucial to reflect on the profound struggles of belongingness faced by figures like Michelle Obama, whose narrative in "Becoming" encapsulates the nuanced challenges of identity and acceptance. Michelle's portrayal of 1960s America in her memoir serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring legacy of racial injustice. The events surrounding the Black Lives Matter movement have brought to light the systemic inequalities that continue to plague society, making it easier to comprehend the struggles faced by Michelle and others like her.

Her experiences growing up in the South side of Chicago underscore the pervasive fear and distrust that permeated communities of color, rooted in a history of oppression and marginalization. Michelle's narrative highlights the universal emotions of hatred and fear that shape the experiences of minorities, transcending geographical boundaries.

One of the most striking revelations from "Becoming" is Michelle's journey to Kenya, where despite her African heritage, she grapples with a sense of displacement and alienation. Her inability to fully merge with her ancestral homeland underscores the complex interplay of identity markers such as language, education, and behavior.

Ultimately, Michelle's story prompts us to confront our own notions of belongingness and identity. As we navigate a world rife with discrimination and disparity, her narrative serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of empathy, understanding, and solidarity. This Black History Month, let us honor Michelle Obama's legacy by amplifying voices of marginalized communities and working towards a more inclusive and equitable future for all.



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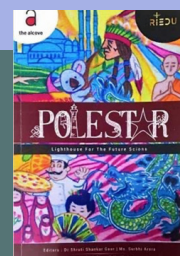
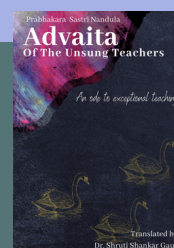
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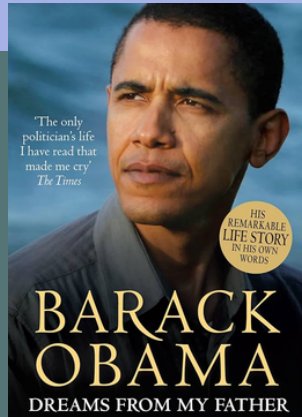
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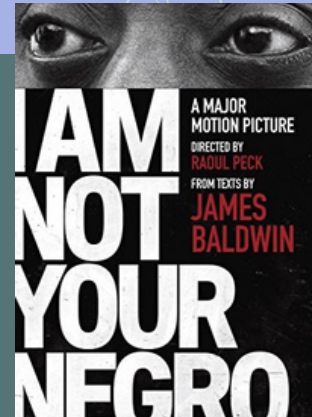
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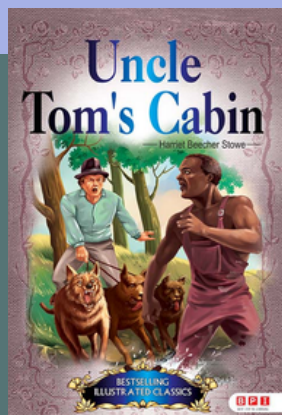
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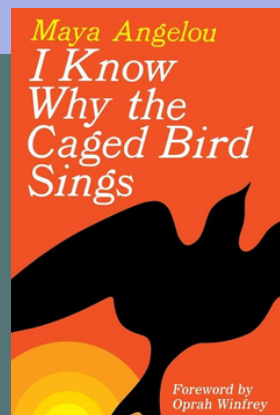
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