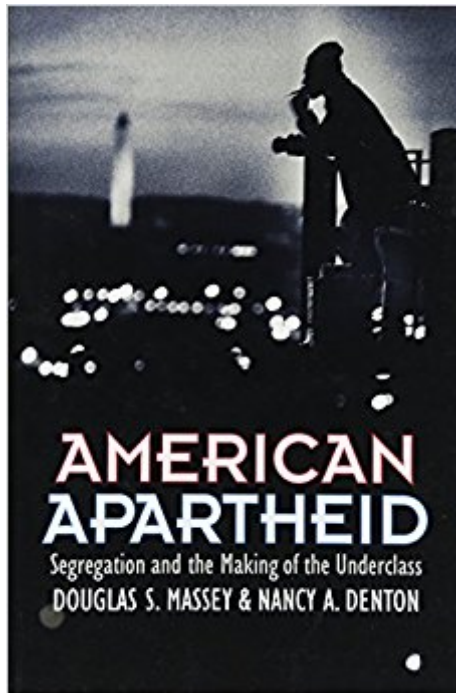




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Synopsis

This powerful and disturbing book clearly links persistent poverty among blacks in the United States to the unparalleled degree of deliberate segregation they experience in American cities. *American Apartheid* shows how the black ghetto was created by whites during the first half of the twentieth century in order to isolate growing urban black populations. It goes on to show that, despite the Fair Housing Act of 1968, segregation is perpetuated today through an interlocking set of individual actions, institutional practices, and governmental policies. In some urban areas the degree of black segregation is so intense and occurs in so many dimensions simultaneously that it amounts to "hypersegregation." The authors demonstrate that this systematic segregation of African Americans leads inexorably to the creation of underclass communities during periods of economic downturn. Under conditions of extreme segregation, any increase in the overall rate of black poverty yields a marked increase in the geographic concentration of indigence and the deterioration of social and economic conditions in black communities. As ghetto residents adapt to this increasingly harsh environment under a climate of racial isolation, they evolve attitudes, behaviors, and practices that further marginalize their neighborhoods and undermine their chances of success in mainstream American society. This book is a sober challenge to those who argue that race is of declining significance in the United States today.

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"During the 1970s and 1980s a word disappeared from the American vocabulary," begins American

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A major contribution to our understanding of both racism and poverty. One hopes that the book will be read, not only by other scholars and policy analysts, but by a broad spectrum of citizens and by all the leaders of the nation.

American Apartheid is brilliantly written and exposes the evil of housing segregation in this country. The facts are stunning and disturbing. You can clearly see some of the causes of inequality and the wealth gap. American Apartheid is referenced frequently in books, articles, and bibliographies. This is one of the most important and eye-opening books I have ever read. It is a must-read and I highly recommend it.

One of the best books that I've ever read about racial residential segregation in the USA. If you want to know how racial residential segregation came to be, how and why it has been so destructive for black people, and how it continues to persist despite the end of legal segregation, then this is the book for you

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