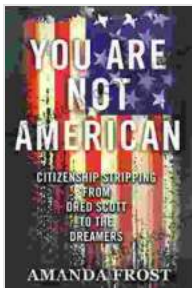


You Are Not American: Uncovering the Truth About American Identity

In her groundbreaking book, *You Are Not American*, acclaimed author Ijeoma Oluo argues that the traditional definition of American identity is exclusionary and harmful. She explores the ways in which American identity has been shaped by racism, sexism, and xenophobia, and she offers a new vision of American identity that is inclusive and just.



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The Myth of American Exceptionalism

Oluo begins her book by challenging the myth of American exceptionalism. She argues that the idea that the United States is a uniquely virtuous and special nation is a dangerous myth that has been used to justify all sorts of atrocities, from slavery to genocide. Oluo shows how the myth of American exceptionalism has been used to exclude and oppress people of color, women, and LGBTQ people.

The Problem with Patriotism

Oluo also critiques the concept of patriotism. She argues that patriotism is often used to enforce conformity and silence dissent. Oluo shows how patriotism has been used to suppress social movements and to justify war. She argues that we need to move beyond patriotism and embrace a more critical and inclusive form of civic engagement.

A New Vision of American Identity

Oluo concludes her book by offering a new vision of American identity that is based on inclusion and justice. She argues that we need to create a society where everyone feels welcome and respected, regardless of their race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. Oluo's vision of American identity is one that is based on shared values of freedom, equality, and justice.

Why You Should Read This Book

You Are Not American is an essential read for anyone who wants to understand the true history of American identity. Oluo's writing is clear, concise, and persuasive. She provides a wealth of evidence to support her arguments, and she does so in a way that is both accessible and engaging. *You Are Not American* is a powerful and important book that will change the way you think about American identity.

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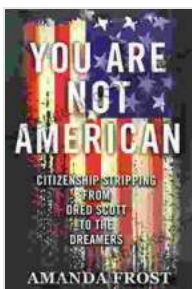
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About the Author

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