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Of course, the black body exists within a wider black culture ² one Hurston portrayed

DYING OF WHITENESS

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Heartland

By Jonathan M. Metzl

Malcolm X began by adoring whiteness, grew to hate white people and, ultimately, despised the false concept of white superiority ² a killer of people of color. And not only them: low- and middle- L Q F R P H Z K L W H S H R S O H W R R D V 0 H W] O ¶ V W L F look at Trump -era policies that have unraveled the Affordable Care Act and contributed to rising gun suicide rates and lowered life expectancies.

1965 | Basic Books, 2019

BLACKNESS

LOCKING UP OUR OWN

Crime and Punishment in Black America

By James Forman Jr.

Just as Metzl explains how seemingly pro-white policies are killing whites, Forman explains how blacks themselves abetted the mass incarceration of other blacks, beginning in the 1970s. Amid rising crime rates, black mayors, judges, prosecutors and police chiefs embraced tough-on-crime policies that they promoted as pro-black with

REDEFINING REALNESS

My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More

by Janet Mock

SISTER OUTSIDER

Essays and Speeches

by Audre Lorde

I grew up in a Christian household thinking there was something abnormal and immoral

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pain often precedes healing.

Atria, 2014 | Crossing Press, 1984

By not running from the books that pain us, we can allow them to transform us. I ran

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scrutinizing myself and my society, and in the process changing both.

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