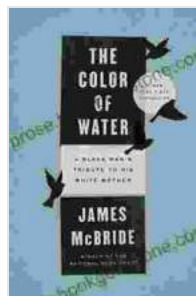


# The Color of Water: A Journey to the Heart of Race and the Meaning of Family



**The Color of Water** by James McBride

★★★★☆ 4.6 out of 5

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The Color of Water is a memoir by James McBride that explores the complex and often contradictory nature of race and family. The book tells the story of McBride's journey to understand his own identity as a biracial American, and it offers a deeply personal and moving account of the struggle for racial equality in America.

## McBride's Journey

McBride was born in 1957 to a white mother and a black father. He was raised in a poor neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York, and he attended segregated schools. As a child, McBride was often confused about his own identity. He didn't feel like he belonged in the white world or the black world, and he struggled to find a place where he fit in.

In his early twenties, McBride began to explore his family history. He learned that his mother had been raped by his father, and that she had given birth to him when she was just 16 years old. McBride also learned that his father had been a musician and a civil rights activist. This newfound knowledge helped McBride to understand his own identity, and it also inspired him to write *The Color of Water*.

## **The Color of Water**

*The Color of Water* is a memoir that is both personal and political. It is a story about race, family, and identity, but it is also a story about the struggle for racial equality in America. McBride writes about his own experiences with racism, and he also discusses the larger history of racial oppression in the United States.

*The Color of Water* is a powerful and moving book that has been praised by critics for its honesty, its insights, and its ability to bridge the racial divide. The book has been translated into more than 20 languages, and it has sold more than 2 million copies worldwide.

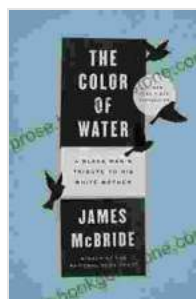
## **Legacy**

*The Color of Water* has had a profound impact on American culture. The book has helped to raise awareness of the issue of race, and it has inspired people to work for racial equality. McBride has also been a vocal advocate for racial justice, and he has spoken out against racism in all its forms.

*The Color of Water* is a classic of American literature, and it is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the complex and often contradictory nature of race and family in America.

## Additional Resources

- James McBride's website
- The Color of Water on Amazon
- The Color of Water on Goodreads



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