

Afakasi Speaks: Eric Meyer's Journey of Discovery and Resistance

Eric Meyer's memoir, *Afakasi Speaks*, is a powerful and moving exploration of the complexities of identity, race, and culture. Meyer, a mixed-race New Zealander of Samoan and European descent, shares his experiences of discrimination, prejudice, and resilience.



Afakasi Speaks by Eric Meyer

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Afakasi is a Samoan term that refers to people of mixed Samoan and European ancestry. Meyer's journey of self-discovery begins with his childhood in New Zealand, where he was often teased and bullied for his appearance. He struggled to fit in with both the white and Samoan communities, and he felt like he didn't belong anywhere.

As he grew older, Meyer became more aware of the systemic racism and discrimination that faced people of color in New Zealand. He began to speak out against injustice, and he became involved in activism and advocacy work. *Afakasi Speaks* is a powerful and personal account of

Meyer's experiences, and it offers a unique perspective on the challenges and triumphs of growing up as a person of color in a predominantly white society.

A Journey of Discovery

Meyer's journey of discovery begins with his childhood in New Zealand. He is raised by his white mother and Samoan father, and he feels like he doesn't belong in either world. He is teased and bullied by white children for his dark skin and Samoan features, and he is also rejected by some Samoans because he is not "pure" enough.

As he grows older, Meyer begins to learn more about his Samoan heritage and culture. He travels to Samoa and meets his extended family, and he begins to understand the importance of his Samoan identity. He also begins to speak out against racism and discrimination, and he becomes involved in activism and advocacy work.

Meyer's journey of discovery is a complex and challenging one, but it is also a journey of hope and resilience. He learns to embrace his mixed-race identity and to find strength in his Samoan heritage. He also learns the importance of fighting against injustice and discrimination, and he becomes a powerful voice for social change.

A Journey of Resistance

Meyer's journey of resistance begins with his decision to speak out against racism and discrimination. He starts writing about his experiences in the media, and he begins to speak at conferences and events. He also becomes involved in activism and advocacy work, and he works to create change at the local, national, and international level.

Meyer's journey of resistance is a difficult one, but it is also a necessary one. He faces threats and harassment from those who disagree with his views, but he refuses to be silenced. He continues to speak out against injustice, and he continues to work for a more just and equitable world.

Meyer's journey of resistance is an inspiration to us all. He shows us that it is possible to make a difference in the world, even when it is difficult. He reminds us that we all have a responsibility to fight against injustice and discrimination, and he encourages us to never give up hope.

A Must-Read for Anyone Interested in Understanding the Challenges and Triumphs of Growing Up as a Person of Color in a Predominantly White Society

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Here are some of the reasons why you should read Afakasi Speaks:

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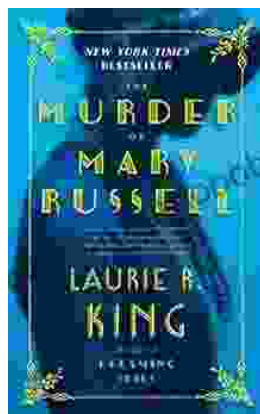
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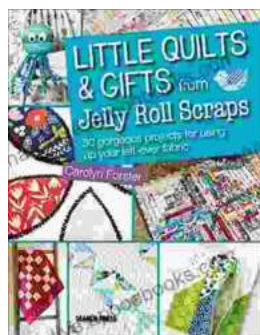
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