

Racism, Guilt, Self-Hatred and Self-Deceit
Gedalian Braun

Rambling, candid observations on race in Africa and elsewhere, with digressions on feminism

Gedaliah Braun's rather rambling, somewhat disorganized book touches on every aspect of race relations. His childhood in upstate New York gave him little exposure to blacks. He left to teach in Africa in 1976, and has lived there more or less continually since. Over the years he has taught in a number of African universities, talked with numberless blacks and whites, liberals and conservatives about race, and observed as Rhodesia/Zimbabwe and then South Africa transitioned to black rule.

The tone of the book is candid, conversational. Braun is aware that he impresses Westerners and liberals as extremely politically incorrect, but the Africans themselves have been quite open in sharing their views, and as much as anything he is simply recounting what he has heard from them.

Braun has read extensively. The Kindle edition is peppered with hyperlinks to books, articles and videos which support his points. Anybody interested in race relations in Africa, anywhere in fact, should buy this book simply for the bibliography.

The formatting of the Kindle version is truly horrible. It makes for an ugly read. To me, however, the benefits of Kindle outweigh the disadvantages, and I would rather put up with this book as it is than have a hard copy.

The situation of black peoples in Africa is a vast topic. I refer the reader to other books I have reviewed on the topic, including *The Crisis Caravan: What's Wrong with Humanitarian Aid?*, [[ASIN:2738408931 *Et si l'Afrique refusait le developpement?* (French Edition)]], and [[ASIN:0984907017 *Into the Cannibal's Pot: Lessons for America from Post-Apartheid South Africa*]].