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In 1965 a Soviet emissary was sent to Memphis, Tennessee, to create social anarchy by exploiting the civil rights movement and fund the war in Southeast Asia through the sale of drugs. During a civil rights march from Memphis to Jackson, Mississippi, the communist agent meets Trifecta Johnson, a black teenager who is chosen to be one of the students to integrate the oldest white high school in Memphis. Trifecta lives in one of the city's roughest housing projects with his grandmother and two antagonistic cousins. All three boys have been abandoned by their mothers. The South Memphis ghetto is controlled by a street thug called The Mayor, who sells drugs at the corner of Mississippi Boulevard and Walker Avenue. With racial tensions mounting due to the integration of the city's high schools, a retired newspaper reporter challenges Henry Murphy, a less-than-stellar white student at Central High School, to write socially significant articles for the school newspaper. Henry, impassioned by his mentor's encouragement, writes so honestly about the chaotic world around him that his work, especially what doesn't get published, causes him to lose his girlfriend, get suspended from school, become a person of interest to the FBI, fight with Trifecta, and befriend the only hippie girl at his conservative school. For Henry and Trifecta, the irrepressible social pressures to survive integration during the racially volatile garbage strike that will forever change the face of the city and the civil rights movement bring them together, move them to sacrifice, and ultimately force them from their adolescent oblivion.

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kind of fall away that bugged me. I wanted to know what happened with them or how they ended up as they did. This story is a good read from the stand point it's a look into the lives of people at the time but a let down because those people are so type cast and don't evolve. There was no moral lesson I could see from the characters or events. It's a bit like reading a history text book by a person who actually lived at the time but with their biases on the events they chronicled. The character I liked the most was Charity the proclaimed hippy girl of the story. She changed the most and was the most relate-able. Oddly the character I liked least was Trifecta the main character of the story. He had plenty of opportunities to change throughout the story and break away from his stereo typical mold but never did. I felt he was also the most stereo typed of the characters and that didn't sit all that well with me. If the characters had progressed and improved or even degenerated further into their stereo types as a change I would have said this book would be good to recommend for school reading. As it is it's just an okay read with the possibility and potential for more if it ever gets a revision. ...more

Red White And Royal Blue

I'm not normally a fiction reader, but I have thoroughly enjoyed this book. I found myself connected to several of the characters and situations. I would rate the character development as excellent and classify the details and descriptions as superb. I'm looking forward to a follow up in the future.

The story begins with the depressing background of poverty and discrimination of the deep south, specifically Memphis, TN. The violent and moral struggle of coming of age at this time in history is revealed through the eyes of black and white alike. It brings to light the influence of the communist part in the attempted destabilizing of American government using chaos of the civil rights movement with acceptance, understanding, and the friendship of two young men of different races.

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This is one of the best books that I have read in a long time! The characters are well developed and the plot lines follow historical events in Memphis during integration. The stories are so compelling, that I found myself looking up the actual events and locations as I was reading. This novel entertains, educates, and enamors. I look forward to more gems, like this one, from this author.

Loved the book. So interesting it was a fast read. The characters in the book are easy to identify and you just can't wait to see what happens next. Really like that it is the history of what happened the the 1960s in Memphis. Great read.

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Great book! Kept my interest from the beginning. A fictional account of what could easily have been a reality. Can't wait for additional books from this author.

Fast read with a great story. A fun mix of history and fiction. The characters blend together nicely. The author has an interesting perspective. I would recommend this novel.

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