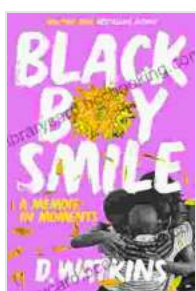


Black Boy Smile: A Memoir in Moments

In a world that often seems to devalue black men, it is a revolutionary act to simply exist, and that is exactly what author Randall Slater does in his stunning debut memoir, *Black Boy Smile*. Told through a series of personal essays, this book is an unflinching and honest exploration of the complexities of race, masculinity, and self-acceptance.



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★★★★☆ 4.7 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 1255 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 241 pages



Slater's writing is lyrical and evocative, and his essays are full of vivid imagery and sensory details. He writes about his childhood in a working-class family in Chicago, his experiences with racism and discrimination, and his struggles with depression and anxiety. But *Black Boy Smile* is more than just a story of hardship. It is also a story of hope and resilience. Slater writes about the power of love, community, and self-discovery. He writes about the importance of finding your own voice and speaking your truth.

Black Boy Smile is a must-read for anyone who has ever felt marginalized or invisible. It is a book that will make you laugh, cry, and think deeply

about the world around you. It is a book that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

Praise for *Black Boy Smile*



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- Ibram X. Kendi, National Book Award-winning author of How to Be an Antiracist"***



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- Jacqueline Woodson, National Book Award-winning author of Brown Girl Dreaming"***

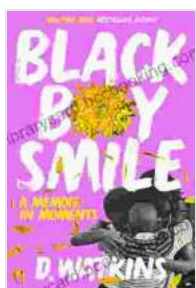


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- Jason Reynolds, National Book Award-winning author of Look Both Ways"***

About the Author

Randall Slater is a writer and educator from Chicago. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the Iowa Writers' Workshop. His writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Rumpus*, among other publications. He is the recipient of a Whiting Award and a Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award.

Black Boy Smile is Slater's debut memoir. It is a powerful and moving account of his journey to find his own identity and self-worth in a world that often seems to devalue him.



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