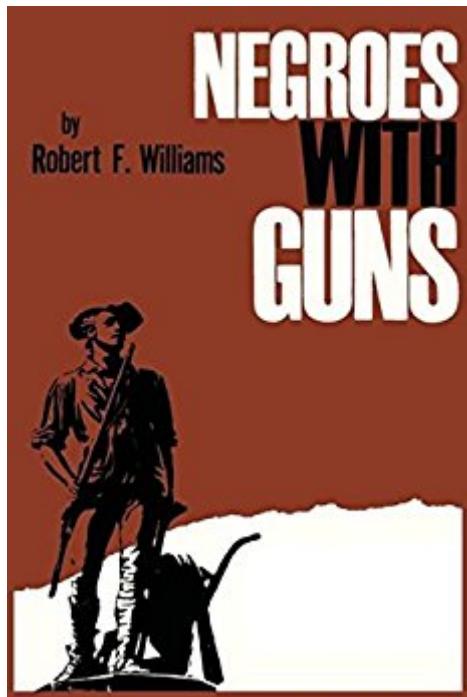


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Customer Reviews

The author, Robert F. Williams, was like any other African American man of his generation and time period. He had just returned home to Monroe, North Carolina from serving in the United States Military only to fight a war on the homefront. I was assigned to read this book for my 20th Century American History class in college and it's a crucial part of a non-fiction account in explaining how life was in the South during the Jim Crow laws and segregation in the 1950s until the Civil Rights movement was in full force. The author writes from his point of view in a convincing and persuasive style in order to help defend his right and others to bear arms in the South and the NRA did support

his right. In his home town of Monroe, North Carolina, African Americans were subjected to horrors of abuse and their perpetrators (almost always Caucasian) would get away from law enforcement. Williams writes that he doesn't support violence with violence. No, he argues that for African Americans in his community, the right to bear arms and defend themselves is necessary since law enforcement, government agencies, and even the Monroe Police Department failed to defend their citizens based on race. The stories here are true and horrifying about injustice to African Americans during this period. This book should be mandatory reading for everybody in the United States with regards to studying civil rights.

This is a raw, powerful book about an aspect of the Civil Rights movement that your history teacher was not likely to have told you. Contrary to popular belief, the Civil Rights movement was not all about Dr. King and nonviolence (with all due respect). Robert Williams preached and practiced armed self-defense against the powers that be. Read his story and learn. It will shock and inspire you (this book also inspired Huey Newton and the Black Panther movement). For more about this unsung hero, read Timothy Tyson's "Radio Free Dixie."

There is much being said about gun ownership and the Second Amendment. Robert Williams book clearly illustrates why even in our "civilized" age that the protection of you and your family depends upon you. Williams found out about this the hard way when the police refused to assist him against a racist onslaught, but also when the NAACP turned on him too and revoked his NAACP charter for using a gun to save himself from being lynched! Who would have thought that it would be the NRA that would come to the aid of Williams and his beleaguered people? Not exactly the image that the media would like us to have of the NRA, or the NAACP for that matter. Please do not let the injustice that this man and his family suffered or the painful lessons learned here go to waste! Read this book and take its lessons to heart.

A very good book about racial tension during the 1950-1960s. It was written by Marine veteran Robert Williams who organized other men of African descent to protect themselves and their families against violent white supremacists during those dark days of Caucasian sponsored terrorism against their fellow USA citizens of African descent. This book will enlighten you about the brave men and women who stood up to the KKK during the civil rights struggle 50 years ago. Another book about African American men who spoke boldly about fighting for our freedom is 'David Walker's Appeal (To the Coloured People of the World) written during the 1820's in the midst of

American enslavement of Christian African Americans.

I am a fan of 2A history. This book tells a story that is seldom told. Firearms are portrayed as tools of oppression and violence. There is a very strong tradition of Blacks owning and using firearms for sport and self defense. Think of the iconic photo of Malcolm X sitting by the window with an M1 Carbine to repel a possible threat to himself and/or his family. I wish politicians and self appointed 'community leaders' that use firearms as a scapegoat for other problems in the Black community would read this book. I wish people that use terms like 'Saturday Night Specials' knew the true meaning of these terms and the racist intent. I wish they knew the real origins and purposes of gun control. These people should then understand that firearms ownership is not just a 'white thing' it is an AMERICAN thing and a basic civil right of ALL CITIZENS no matter what race. Irony-- those people living in high crime areas who don't understand 'stand your ground' laws and the 'castle doctrine' and want to repeal these protections are the very people who would most benefit from them. Know your history so that you will remain a free citizen, not a slave or a subject.

This book is one of several that refute the notion that our nation's tradition of firearms is solely the province of the white man. Black people in this country used guns, enjoyed guns, and all too often needed guns for self-defense, especially in situations where law enforcement was in cahoots with local racist elements. I recommend it to one and all.

enjoy learning more about black history and culture in early america. this book not only tells incredible stories of black bravery. it also tells how those stories tie into American history and specifically firearms restrictions in America and how those earliest restrictions were all based on race.

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