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Racism 101



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by Nikki Giovanni

In **Racism 101**, Nikki Giovanni indicts higher education for the inequities it perpetuates, contemplates the legacy of the 1960's, provides a survival guide for black students on predominantly white campuses (complete with razor-sharp comebacks to the dumb questions constantly asked of black students), and excoriates Spike Lee while offering her own ideas for a film about Malcolm X. And that is just for starters.

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