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I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla; Raising Healthy Black and Biracial Children in a Race-Conscious World

by Marguerite A. Wright
Jossey Bass Publishers; 1998

MYTH: Black and biracial children dislike their race from the time they are preschoolers.

REALITY: Young black and biracial children are unable to understand racial prejudice. In fact, developmentally they are incapable of understanding the concept of race.

A child's concept of race is quite different from that of an adult. Young children perceive skin color as magical—even changeable—and unlike adults, are incapable of understanding the mature concepts surrounding race and racism. Just as children learn to walk and talk, they likewise come to understand race in a series of predictable stages. Based on Dr. Marguerite A. Wright's research and clinical experience working as a child psychologist, *I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla* teaches us that the color blindness of early childhood can, and must, be taken advantage of in order to guide the positive

development of a child's self-esteem.

I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla is filled with practical, positive, and creative ideas for handling common situations such as what to do when your child says she wants a white doll; how to deal with relatives and friends who compare your children's skin colors and hair textures; and how to discipline your children so that they can grow up with self-respect. Teachers will gain valuable insights about how preconceptions can contribute to a child's success or failure and how to handle discipline problems in the classroom.

Wright answers some fundamental questions about children and race including

- What do children know and understand about the color of their skin?
- When do children understand the concept of race?
- Are there warning signs that a child is being adversely affected by racial prejudice?

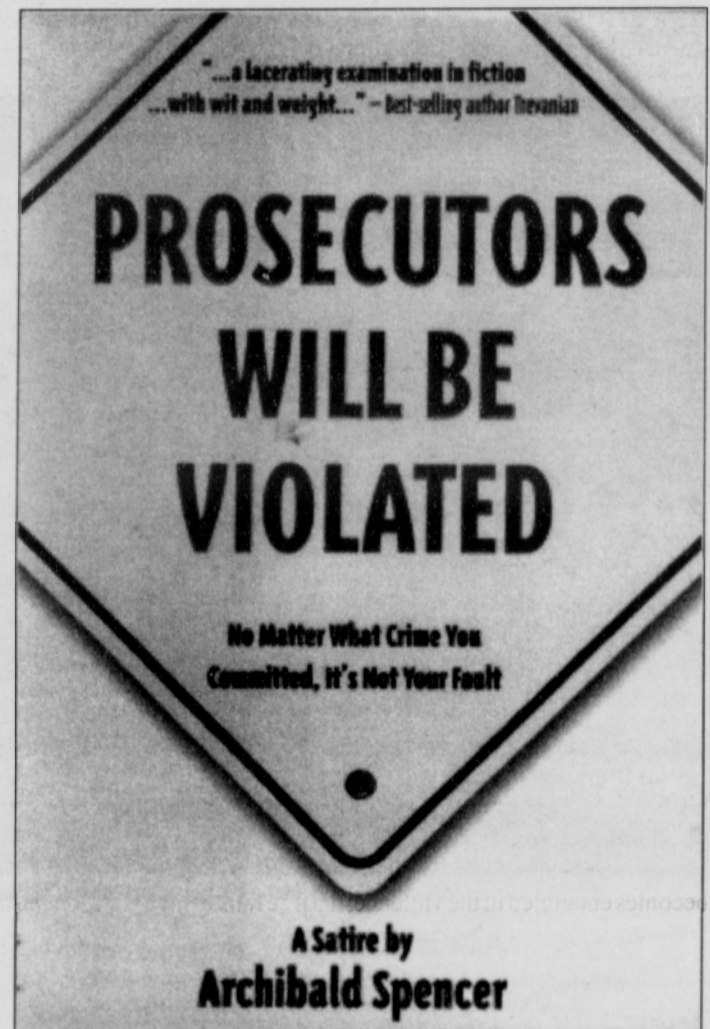
Prosecutors Will Be Violated; No Matter What Crime You Committed, It's Not Your Fault

by Archibald Spencer
Trigrance Press; 2000

People outside the Afro-American community are finally waking up to the fact that we have several levels of justice in this country, the top level for the rich, the second level for the ordinary white citizen, and the bottom level for blacks.

Wait until you see how California attorney Ashley Blackwood handles his cases. Follow the trials of Henri Laval, the murderous hockey star, Ramona Krafft, who videotaped the mutilation of her husband's private parts, and "Machine-Gun" Marty Vickers, the postal employee who left a trail of dead and dying on the streets of San Francisco.

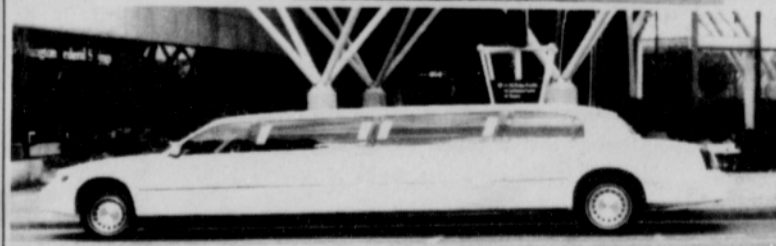
Ashley's senior associate, Knute Rockne Olson, thinks Ashley's a great man. What do you think/ Hold tight as Archie Spencer takes you on a satirical joyride through California's criminal justice system. "I had to write it," Archie Spencer says of *Prosecutors Will Be Violated*. "After the Simpson, Menendez, and Bobbitt cases, I realized that our money and media-driven society had created a criminal justice system in its own image, one that shouted for satirical treatment."



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