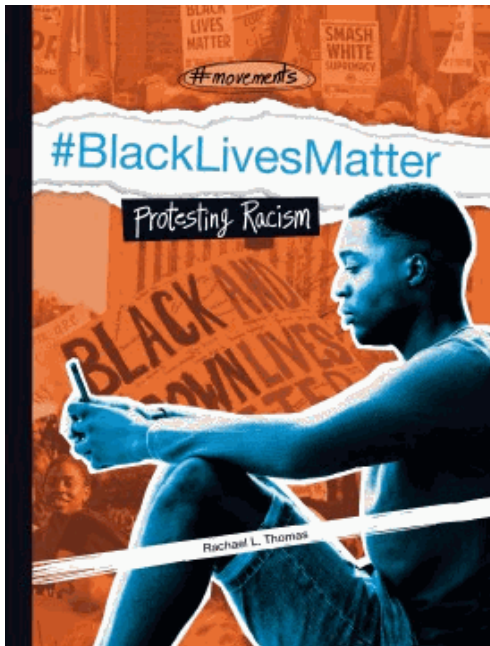


# #BLACKLIVES MATTER: PROTESTING RACISM



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## Summary of Concerns:

This book contains controversial racial commentary.

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0	The photo on the cover of the book shows people with picket signs in the background. One such sign says "White Supremacy".
6	In the US, white people have historically had more social and economic power than people of other races. So, racism in the US is generally considered to be directed toward non-white people.
8	Discrimination based on skin color remains illegal today. But attitudes change more slowly than laws. Fifty years after the Civil Rights Act, many black Americans were still experiencing discrimination. And the shooting of Martin in 2012 marked the start of a national discussion about racial bias, especially among law enforcement officials.
10	Use of the #BlackLivesMatter hashtag increased dramatically after the shooting of Michael Brown in August 2014. Michael Brown was an 18-year-old black teenager from Ferguson, Missouri. On August 9, 2014, he was shot dead by white police officer Darren Wilson. That morning, Brown was walking with a friend. Wilson stopped them because Brown fit the description of a robbery suspect. Wilson claimed that he shot Brown in self-defense as Brown ran toward him.
14	BLM encourages equal leadership and involvement from all of its members. This is because BLM founders want the movement to represent every type of black American. This includes gay, transgender, and disabled people. And many white Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans are involved in the Black Lives Matter movements as well. BLM was born in defiance of police violence. But today, founder Alicia Garza worries that the wider message BLM carries is sometimes lost. Garza says, "...what black folks are fighting for in this moment...isn't citizenship like papers, but it's citizenship like dignity.
21	Colin Kaepernick played for the San Francisco 49ers from 2011 to 2016. In August 2016, he sat during a pre-game national anthem to protest the treatment of black Americans. This sparked the creation of the hashtag #TakeAKnee.
21	I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color. To me, this is bigger than football, and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way.' - Colin Kaepernick
25	Some researchers believe the backlash against BLM is due in part to differing perceptions of racism. Sociologist Eduardo Bonilla-Silva explains these differences in his book Racism without Racists. He says that white people often perceive racism as being a past problem, separate from their current behaviors and communities. They consider racist people to be exceptions in an otherwise non-racist society. Bonilla-Silva says that African Americans tend to view racism differently. Most see racism as a part of society. Many black Americans believe that racism is deeply established in US history, law and culture. BLM wants to address these different perceptions of racism. It claims that it does not represent a war that divides the country.
27	#BlackLivesMatter is the modern face of the decades-long fight for dignity, equality, and civil right.