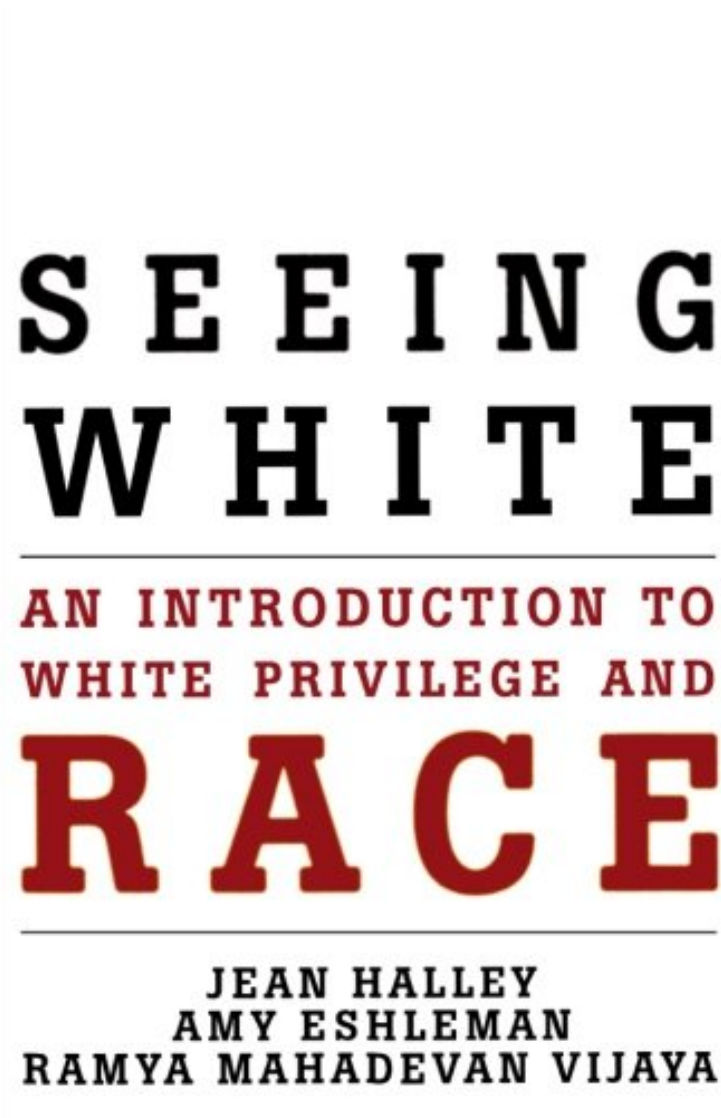


## Seeing White: An Introduction to White Privilege and Race

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"carefully taught" without knowing it was happening. I was amazed to find the same mind set directed at an other population in Mn. These ladies open even my concerned eyes! Read and start seeing!

This interdisciplinary textbook challenges students to see race as everyone's issue. Drawing on sociology, psychology, history, and economics, *Seeing White* introduces students to the concepts of white privilege and social power. *Seeing White* is designed to help break down some of the resistance students feel in discussing race. Each chapter opens with compelling concrete examples to help students approach issues from a range of perspectives. The early chapters build a solid understanding of privilege and power, leading to a critical exploration of discrimination. Key theoretical perspectives include cultural materialism, critical race theory, and the social construction of race. Each chapter includes discussion questions to help students evaluate institutions and policies that perpetuate or counter forces of privilege and discrimination. The website [www.seeingwhite.org](http://www.seeingwhite.org) includes multidisciplinary demonstrations, activities, examples, and images for researchers and instructors who seek to explain racism and reveal white privilege.

With remarkable clarity, Halley, Eshleman and Vijaya have made the often invisible workings of culture both visible and comprehensible. Focusing on one of the most knotty of problems-entrenched assumptions about racial difference and inequality-this important book will offer students the opportunity to see the familiar in unfamiliar ways, and to challenge the mental baggage that so many carry inside their heads and hearts. The book's goal is to lay the groundwork for a better historical understanding of ideas that too often remain unexamined. (Stuart Ewen, Hunter College, CUNY) *Seeing White* engagingly makes whiteness into a problem?one needing to be investigated in all its human and inhuman dimensions. The great interdisciplinary reach of the authors opens up, for students and all of us, the changing ways in which race has been made over a long history and how it is remade and contested today. (David Roediger, University of Illinois; author of *How Race Survived U.S. History*) This book is a rare gem. There are lots of books on race, and some on privilege, but none brings it all together in one place in such an illuminating and thoughtful way. None so ably connects psychology, identity politics, economics and policy to explain the origins of race and how it is socially modified over time. The content was both enlightening and challenging, and the examples and stories used in this book will help students really understand the complicated issues of how race affects all of our lives. (Nyla R. Branscombe, University of Kansas) The authors have developed a lengthy and persuasive argument—based on science, scholarship, and a constant investigation of values—about race, racism, and the role genuinely goodhearted people can contribute to the problems of race in America. This book will challenge students, and it is guaranteed to stimulate discussion and debate. (Chris Crandall, University of Kansas) Introducing students to the concept of racial privilege is fundamental to teaching about racism, yet hard to do. *Seeing White* is a great resource for those who undertake this important work, providing an excellent primer for classroom discussion. (Beverly Daniel Tatum, president, Spelman College; author of *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*) Now when some would describe our times as post-race, *Seeing White* offers its readers an opportunity to rethink race and power from an interdisciplinary perspective drawing on sociology, economics and psychology. The great accomplishment of the book is its appeal to readers to reflect on their own view of race as well as their relationship to the privilege of whiteness. *Seeing White* is a must read for all of us. (Patricia Ticineto Clough, The Graduate Center, CUNY) This interdisciplinary textbook challenges students to see race as everyone's issue. Drawing on sociology, psychology, and economics, *Seeing White* introduces students to the concepts of white privilege and social power. Compelling concrete examples illustrate key theoretical perspectives, including cultural materialism, critical race theory, and the social construction of race. Each chapter includes discussion questions to help students evaluate institutions and policies that perpetuate or counter forces of privilege and discrimination. About the Author Jean Halley is associate professor of sociology at Wagner College. Amy Eshleman is associate professor of psychology at Wagner College. Ramya Mahadevan Vijaya is associate professor of economics at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.