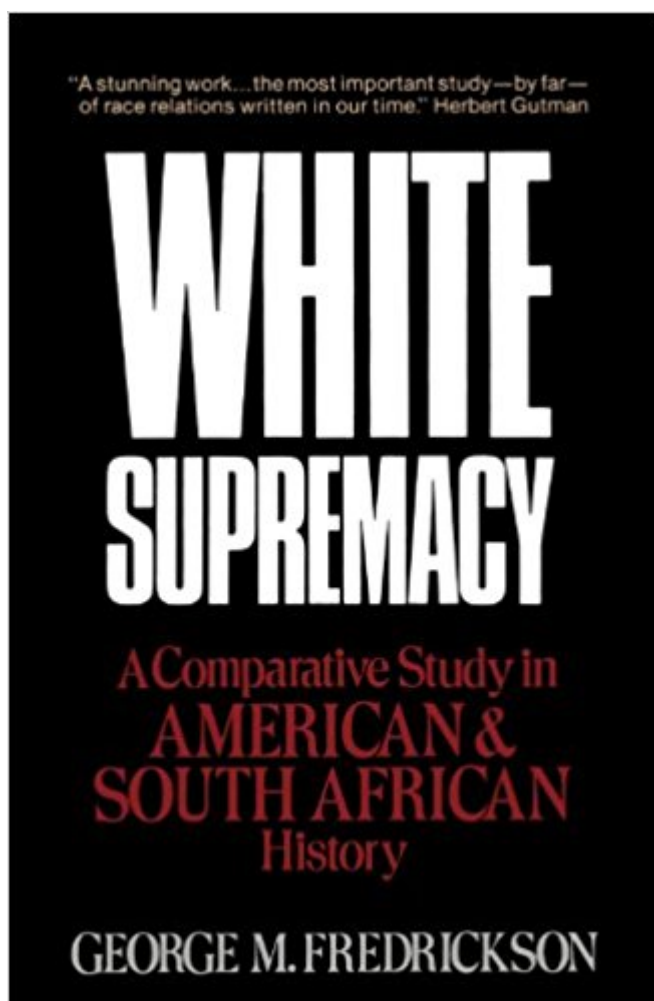


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In this first comparative history of race relations in the United States and South Africa, George M. Fredrickson uncovers parallels and differences in the origin and expression of white supremacy in the two countries.

Understanding America's original sin of slavery is complicated so that comparing it with South Africa adds an additional layer of understanding. A Very readable account by authors that work hard to make meaningful comparisons.

To label this work "comparative history," as does the author, is to understate the matter considerably. The book is a careful, scholarly comparative analysis of all the important questions (most of which you've never thought of!) related to the origins, nature, and development of white supremacy in the US and SA. Remarkably, it is superbly well written--clear as glass, with no jargon, aiming only to express, never to impress. As a side note, I can't get over this one little fact: the book was written before database software. What does that mean? HE USED PAPER NOTES--they must have filed multiple file cabinets. Yet, his the organization of the sources, his commentary on them, their relevance and conciseness are all stunning. The author mastered two immense literatures, one in Afrikaans, and evaluates them judiciously and carefully, never scoring cheap points or parading his own work--he strictly presents (and often modifies) the best social-scientific hypotheses of the last 100-or-so years. I just can't get over how impressive this book is. Consider reading with ã Æ Roll, Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made.

This book shows the global similarities of the establishment, maintenance, practice, and refinement of White oppression in two of the world's best examples, South Africa and The United States of America

White supremacy has evolved quite a bit over the past few centuries, but the end result is always the same (whites benefit, non-whites suffer). This book is a very detailed and informative look into the gradual development of white supremacy through it's various stages (religious, scientific, biological) and the links American's insipid past with South Africa and even makes the connection between what the British did to the Irish (before racism) and how it was kind of a precursor to what Europeans did to the American Indians. From how white dealt with indigenes of countries they colonized to race mixing to segregation and labor, this book hits I didn't have much knowledge about South African history (prior to Nelson Mandela), so this book really opened my eyes to all the similar methods whites have used worldwide to maintain dominance over non-whites. I didn't even know slavery existed in South Africa and that they shipped in slaves from East Asia. The book explores how whites used interracial sex and half breeds in South Africa to control the other slaves and how whites allowed them to assimilate into their white culture (a warning to all you who promote interracial sex today). I really seek works that help me understand better how whites people think and reading something like this and picking up on all the patterns of behavior by whites and their constant rationalization of their evils (til this day), this book is invaluable as a reminder that I am a

victim of white supremacy and their global white empire is an umbrella hanging over my head everyday of my life. It's not comforting, but it's true and knowing that is the first step in improving my health as a victim.

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An interesting perspective on various topics concerning race, racial superiority, the myth of racial inferiority, etc. It's a good read.

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