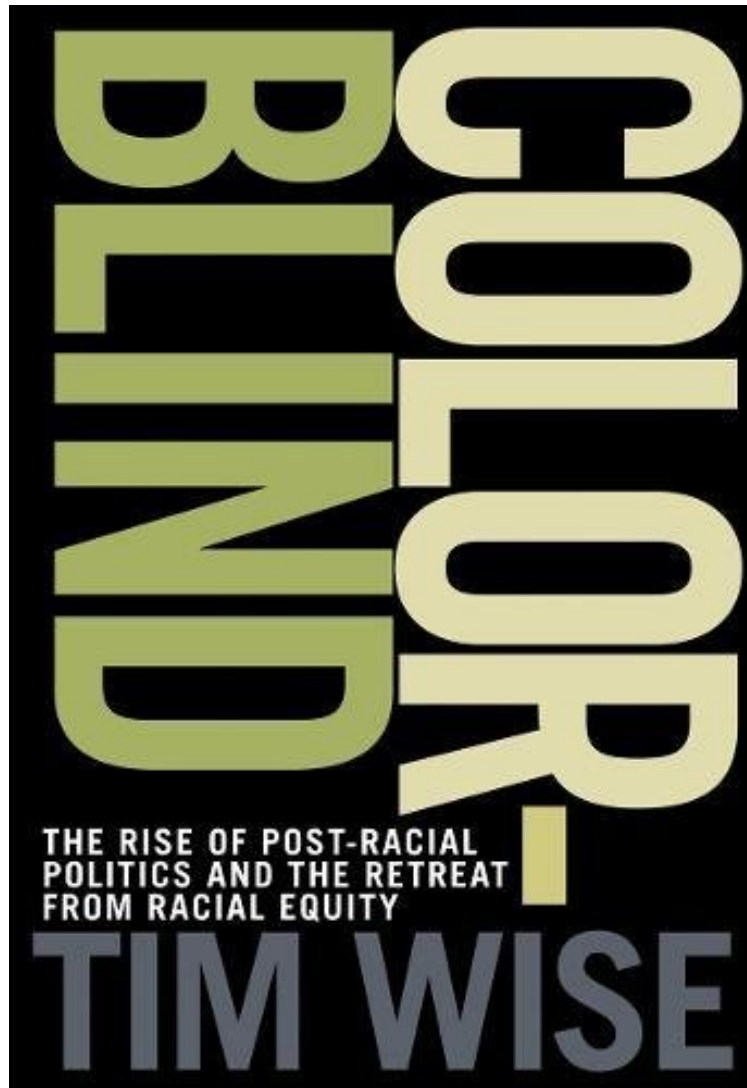


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wordsmith. He shuts down the mess that we hear perpetrated on a daily basis regarding colorblind politics. In this book, he shuts down "colorblindness". I really love the fact that he criticized President Obama for his lack of legislation specifically for African-Americans. That was an issue I had with him and I believe that several African-Americans feel the same way. I understand, like Tim Wise, the position of President Obama and how easy it would have been for him to fall into a stereotype. I also believe that, no matter what he did, he will always be stereotyped, so why not help out the people who got you elected? Great book by a "Wise" man. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This author is extraordinary! Tim Wise gives a perspective ... By Dianne Williams This author is extraordinary! Tim Wise gives a perspective on race that can be understood by anyone. I have followed him for awhile and look forward to reading his other books. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Some of the results that this extensive research shows is staggering as well as painful to take in. By Barbara Dixon This book is eye opening. For those who think that color doesn't matter anymore this will enlighten you, as it did me. Some of the results that this extensive research shows is staggering as well as painful to take in. It is no wonder why there is such resistance to the facts of racism.

Following the civil rights movement, race relations in the United States entered a new era. Legal gains were interpreted by some as ensuring equal treatment for all and that "colorblind" policies and programs would be the best way forward. Since then, many voices have called for an end to affirmative action and other color-conscious policies and programs, and even for a retreat from public discussion of racism itself. Bolstered by the election of Barack Obama, proponents of colorblindness argue that the obstacles faced by blacks and people of color in the United States can no longer be attributed to racism but instead result from economic forces. Thus, they contend, programs meant to uplift working-class and poor people are the best means for overcoming any racial inequalities that might still persist. In *Colorblind*, Tim Wise refutes these assertions and advocates that the best way forward is to become more, not less, conscious of race and its impact on equal opportunity. Focusing on disparities in employment, housing, education and healthcare, Wise argues that racism is indeed still an acute problem in the United States today, and that colorblind policies actually worsen the problem of racial injustice. *Colorblind* presents a timely and provocative look at contemporary racism and offers fresh ideas on what can be done to achieve true social justice and economic equality. "It's a great book. I highly, highly, highly recommend it."—Tavis Smiley "I finally finished Tim Wise's *Colorblind* and found it a right-on, straight-ahead piece of work. This guy hits all the targets, it's really quite remarkable... That's two of his that I've read [the first being *Between Barack*] and they are both works of crystal truth..."—Mumia Abu-Jamal "Tim Wise's *Colorblind* is a powerful and urgently needed book. One of our best and most courageous public voices on racial inequality, Wise tackles head on the resurgence and absurdity of post-racial liberalism in a world still largely structured by deep racial disparity and structural inequality. He shows us with passion and sharp, insightful, accessible analysis how this imagined world of post racial framing and policy can't take us where we want to go—it actually stymies our progress toward racial unity and equality."—Tricia Rose, Brown University "With *Colorblind*, Tim Wise offers a gutsy call to arms. Rather than play nice and reiterate the fiction of black racial transcendence, Wise takes the gloves off: He insists white Americans themselves must be at the forefront of the policy shifts necessary to correct our nation's racial imbalances in crime, health, wealth, education and more. A piercing, passionate and illuminating critique of the post-racial moment."—Bakari Kitwana "Tim Wise's *Colorblind* brilliantly challenges the idea that the election of Obama has ushered in a post-racial era. In clear, engaging, and accessible prose, Wise explains that ignoring problems does not make them go away, that race-bound problems require race-conscious remedies. Perhaps most important, *Colorblind* proposes practical solutions to our problems and promotes new ways of thinking that encourage us to both recognize differences and to transcend them."—George Lipsitz Tim Wise is one of the most prominent antiracist essayists, educators and activists in the United States. For twenty years he has challenged racial inequities as a community organizer, public speaker, workshop facilitator and writer. He has spoken to hundreds of thousands of people, contributed essays or chapters to more than twenty books, and has appeared regularly on radio and television as a guest commentator on race issues. He is regularly interviewed by national media, including CNN, Tavis Smiley and by Tom Joyner. He is the author of *Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama*.

From Publishers Weekly In his follow-up to *Between Barack and a Hard Place*, Wise continues to explore his provocative contention that Obama's commitment to transcending racism has made it "more difficult than ever to address ongoing racial bias" in America. By refusing to openly confront racism, Wise argues, the President has ceded the ground to conservatives, allowing them to "manipulate racial angers unmolested and unchecked." While many progressives are disappointed that Obama has, in their view, capitulated to corporate interests and not forged his own New Deal, Wise makes the opposite charge. He believes that Obama is in fact too eager to follow FDR's lead in subordinating racial issues to the fight against poverty. Obama's endorsement of New Deal measures like social security, FHA home loan programs, and the G.I. Bill downplays the extent to which these programs were and continue to be "intensely racialized." Wise also contends that the pervasiveness of racism has a subconscious effect on

Americans that can only be altered by forcing the issue into the open. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "At every turn and every corner, in every crevice and every crack, Tim Wise debunks the mythology of a 'Color Blind' society with the vigor of a statistician and the passion befitting one of the preeminent anti-racist theorists working today. You will literally lose your breath trying to keep up with the ways that Wise lays waste to the idea that we've achieved anything close to a 'post-race' society. If you don't know who Tim Wise is, you will after this book."—Mark Anthony Neal "A phenomenal book, a great read, you definitely want to check out."—Roland Martin, Tom Joyner Show CNN "Tim Wise provocatively takes up the bitterness of the contemporary debate over racially charged issues aiming at racial justice and the general nature and implications of liberalism in a nation which faces the troublesome problem of discrimination."—Tribune India "In Colorblind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity, author, lecturer, and anti-racism activist Tim Wise gives us a nudge in the right direction. Focusing on disparities in four key areas—employment, education, healthcare, and housing—and drawing upon a wide range of academic studies, Wise pulls back the veil from the face of contemporary 'invisible' racism. He also, simultaneously, points out the ways that so-called 'colorblind' social policies—those which are based on programs meant to 'lift all boats' by raising the overall economic water level for working class and poor people—will actually worsen the problems of racial injustice."—Ann Arbor "In Colorblind, Wise explores the implications of the Obama victory on the country's racial discourse. His disturbing, but quite convincing, conclusion is that the Obama administration's embrace of what Wise calls 'post-racial liberalism'—a combination of race-neutral rhetoric and public policy that avoid race-conscious remedies—makes the challenging of ongoing racism more difficult."—Political Media "Wise's powerful and thought-provoking book is aimed at opening the eyes of Americans, by showing them that this country, in 2010, is not a colorblind society."—The Empowerment Initiative Online Newsletter "Tim Wise dismantles the myth that full equality has been won and the playing field is level with hard facts, citing studies that have shown the persistence of institutional racism and white racial preference in all areas, including employment, education and health care."—Kel Munger, Sacramento News and "The author of White Like Me returns with the timely and provocative Colorblind, examining the ongoing racial disparities in all aspects of American life in the age of Obama. Wise convincingly argues that by turning a colorblind eye, we not only fail to achieve equality but in fact worsen racial injustice."—Shelf Unbound "A new book by Tim Wise, Colorblind: The Rise of Post-racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity, provides an excellent companion piece to Alexander's New Jim Crow. Wise argues that Barack Obama's appeal to post-racial universalism has been an unmitigated disaster. By refusing to address the tidal wave of racist rhetoric currently engulfing the Republic, Obama has multiplied its power...I urge you to run out and buy a copy of this important book..."—Alan Bean, Friends of Justice "America needs not to 'move beyond' race but to adopt innovative public policies that directly address it. Wise gives specific ideas of what those policies might be."—World Wide Work