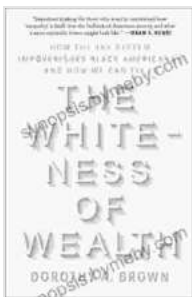


# The Whiteness of Wealth: Uncovering the Hidden Costs of Economic Inequality

In this groundbreaking new book, *The Whiteness of Wealth: Uncovering the Hidden Costs of Economic Inequality*, renowned economist and author Mehrsa Baradaran explores the profound and lasting impact of racial inequality on the American economy. Through meticulous research and incisive analysis, Baradaran reveals how the accumulation of wealth in white hands has become a systemic barrier to economic mobility for people of color.

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Baradaran paints a vivid picture of the racial wealth gap in America, which has persisted for centuries and continues to widen. She demonstrates that white households hold a disproportionately large share of the nation's wealth, while Black and Hispanic households have virtually no wealth on average. This gaping disparity is not merely a statistical anomaly but has far-reaching consequences for the lives of individuals and entire communities.



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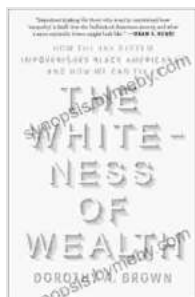
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