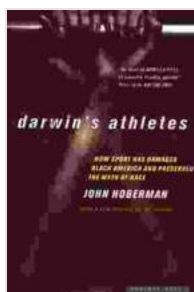


# How Sport Has Damaged Black America and Preserved the Myth of Race

In his groundbreaking and provocative book, *How Sport Has Damaged Black America and Preserved the Myth of Race*, Dr. Harry Edwards challenges the long-held belief that sport is a positive force for racial equality. Edwards argues that, in reality, sport has been used as a tool to maintain white supremacy and perpetuate the myth of race.

Edwards begins by tracing the history of sport in America, from its origins in the slave trade to its present-day incarnation as a multi-billion dollar industry. He shows how sport has been used to justify slavery, segregation, and other forms of racial discrimination. He also shows how sport has created a false sense of racial equality, by giving black athletes a platform to achieve individual success while ignoring the systemic racism that continues to plague black communities.



## Darwin's Athletes: How Sport Has Damaged Black America and Preserved the Myth of Race

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## **The Myth of Race**

The concept of race is a social construct that has been used to justify centuries of oppression and exploitation. There is no scientific basis for the idea that there are different races of humans. In fact, all humans share 99.9% of their DNA. The differences that we do see between people are due to a variety of factors, including geography, climate, and culture.

The myth of race has been used to divide and conquer people for centuries. It has been used to justify slavery, segregation, and other forms of racial discrimination. It has also been used to create a false sense of superiority among white people. The myth of race is a dangerous and harmful lie that has no place in our society.

## **The Damage Sport Has Done to Black America**

Sport has played a major role in perpetuating the myth of race and maintaining white supremacy. Edwards argues that sport has done this in three ways:

1. **By creating a false sense of racial equality.** Sport has given black athletes a platform to achieve individual success. However, this success has often been used to obscure the systemic racism that continues to plague black communities. Black athletes are often held up as examples of racial progress, even though they continue to face discrimination in many areas of life.

2. **By promoting the myth of black inferiority.** Sport has often been used to reinforce the stereotype of black people as being physically superior but intellectually inferior. This stereotype has been used to justify everything from slavery to mass incarceration. It has also been used to create a false sense of fear and distrust between black and white people.
3. **By diverting attention from the real problems facing black America.** Sport has often been used as a distraction from the real problems facing black communities, such as poverty, unemployment, and crime. By focusing on sports, we ignore the systemic racism that is the root cause of these problems.

## The Way Forward

Edwards concludes his book by calling for a new vision of sport, one that is based on equality and justice. He argues that sport has the potential to be a powerful force for good, but only if we are willing to confront the role that it has played in perpetuating racial inequality. We must challenge the myth of race, promote true equality, and use sport to build a more just and equitable society.

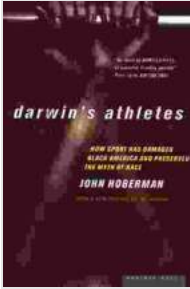
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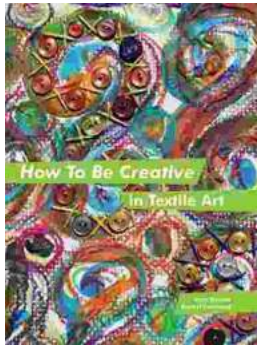
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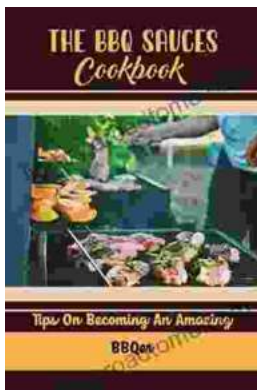
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