

Discussion Questions

1. What were your initial thoughts when you read the book title and summary?
2. What did you think about the style and flow of the book?
3. This is a poignant quote from the book: “There’s always a question of intent when Black folks and White folks do business together.”
 - a. What does this statement mean to you?
 - b. Discuss the circumstance(s) that led Mashama and John to recognize and face the significance of this statement.

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4. John and Mashama acknowledged that discussing race together was a challenge for them both. What do you believe are some of the barriers and/or reasons why we do not tackle the conversation about race?
5. Tell us about an experience when you delved into a conversation about race or cultural differences with someone from a different race or cultural background.
 - a. What led you to have the discussion?
 - b. How did it feel?
 - c. How was the outcome compared to your expectation of the discussion?
6. What are your take-aways after reading the book or participating in the discussion today?