

# THE COLOR OF WATER: A BLACK MAN'S TRIBUTE TO HIS WHITE MOTHER

By James McBride

## **Other Works by James McBride:**

**Book - *Miracle at St. Anna*** (2002), To read an interview with James McBride about his newest release, *Miracle at St. Anna*, go to [http://www.bookbrowse.com/author\\_interviews/full/index.cfm?author\\_number=271](http://www.bookbrowse.com/author_interviews/full/index.cfm?author_number=271). James McBride was recently chosen by American composer, producer and jazz legend **Quincy Jones** to write his autobiography for Doubleday Books, a work currently in progress (<http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst/mcbride.html>).

**Compact Disk – *The Process: Volume One***. James McBride has his first CD available. You can hear some of the tracks at <http://www.jamesmcbride.com/recordings.htm>.

## **Similar Books by Other Authors:**

*Half and Half: Writers on Growing Up Biracial and Bicultural* (Pantheon Books, 1998) by C. C. O'Hearn  
*From Black to Biracial: Transforming Racial Identity Among Americans* (Praeger, 1999) by K. O. Korgen  
*Shades of Community and Conflict: Biracial Adults of African-American and Jewish-American Heritages* (The Wright Institute, Berkley, California, 1998) by J. C. Segal

*Jews and Blacks: A Dialogue on Race, Religion and Culture in America* (Plume/Penguin Book, 1995) by M. Lerner and C. West

*Racially Mixed People in America* (Sage, 1992) by M. P. Root

*What Are You? Voices of Mixed-Race Young People* (Henry Holt and Co., 1999) by P. F. Gaskins

*Strangers & Neighbors: Relations Between Blacks & Jews in the United States* (John H. Bracey, 1999) by M. Adams

*Black Zion: African American Religious Encounters with Judaism* (Oxford, 1999) by Y. Chireau, and N. Deutsch

*Blacks in a Jewish Mind: A Crisis of Liberalism* (New York University Press, 1998) by Seth Forman

*New Faces in Changing America: Multiracial Identity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Sage, 2003) by L. I. Winters, H. L. DeBose

*Lifting the White Veil: An Exploration of White American Culture in a Multiracial Context* (Crandall, Dostie & Douglass Books, 2002) by J. Hitchcock.

*The Time of Our Singing* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003) by R. Powers

## **Additional Web Resources:**

<http://libwww.library.phila.gov/onebook/obop04/index.cfm>

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/avery/nycbuild.html>

<http://arts.endow.gov/national/homecoming/authorbios/mcbride.html>

<http://www.jamesmcbride.com/>

## **Websites Dedicated to Multiracial/Multiethnic Issues:**

For a list of groups dedicated to supporting multiracial individuals, families, and communities

<http://www.meltingpotgifts.com/supportgroups.html>

For a list of resources dedicated to supporting multiracial/multiethnic families in the adoption community

<http://www.ameasite.org/about.asp>

For a list of support groups dedicated to supporting multiracial/multiethnic families navigate school systems

<http://www.ipride.org/index.html>

## **Information on Interracial Marriages in U.S.:**

Laws against interracial marriages, also known as miscegenation laws, were enacted as early as 1661 in Virginia. In 1950, interracial marriage was still banned in 30 states. In 1967, The U.S. Supreme Court decided in *Loving v. the Commonwealth of Virginia* that laws against interracial marriages were unconstitutional. Though not until 2000 did Alabama amend its laws to make interracial marriage lawful. (For more information see [http://www.learner.org/channel/workshops/tml/workshop1/authors\\_key.html](http://www.learner.org/channel/workshops/tml/workshop1/authors_key.html).) According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the number of interracial marriages in the United States has been on the rise since 1970, but they represent a small percentage of all marriages. In 1970, interracial marriages represented .7% of all marriages; in 1980, 1.3%; in 1990, 1.8%; and in 2000, 2.6%.