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Summary

Through the presentation of various perspectives, this collection of essays addresses some of the intersections of race and communication. The topics addressed include, but are not limited to, how we communicate about race, what our race communicates to others, how we can do a better job of educating others on race-related issues, and how we can better define certain terms often utilized in conversations about race. The perspectives shared in this volume contribute much-needed depth to the discussion of the philosophical and practical considerations of race and communication, broadly.

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