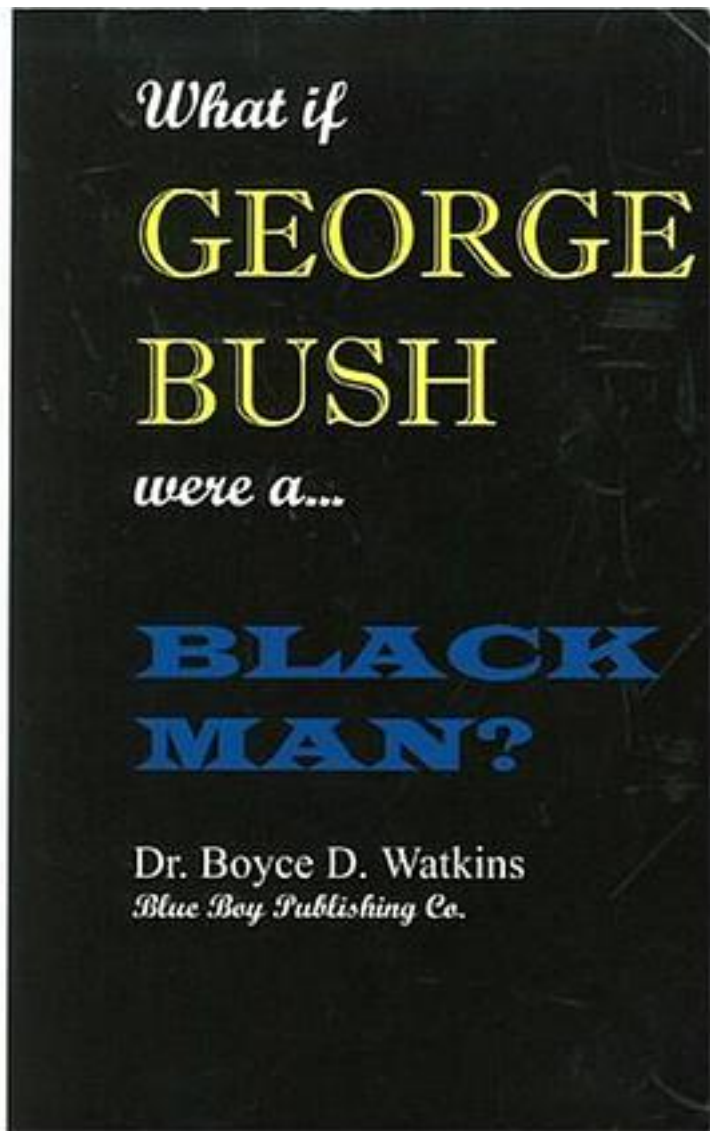


What If George Bush Were...A Black Man?



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What if George Bush were a black man? Would his actions of the past leave him dead or in jail? Would he still be President of the United States, or the friendly Burger King Shift Manager? Would he have actually had to show up and fight in the Vietnam War, or would he still be able to pretend like he was there? Would he be in a position to steal elections, or would he be running down the street with stolen TVs?

This book is an exploration of alternative realities. We travel through the life of George Bush, but in a different plane of existence. In this plane, he is Pookie Bush, a poor black child in the projects. In Pookies world, there are no limousines, just drive-by shootings. He doesn't have a nanny, for his mother is someone else's nanny. There are no free trips to Yale, just free trips to jail. In his world, survival of the fittest charges right into play, and we find Pookie Bush, like George, is certainly not the fittest.

What happens when this mentally weak, undisciplined alter-ego is faced with the challenges of the black male in America? What happens when he confronts the public school system that is more likely to put him in special education than they are to hand him his diploma? What happens when he faces the criminal justice system in its real form: not the one with Harvard educated attorneys and judges on the payroll, but the one with a drunk, underpaid public defender and a prepaid orange jump suit.

Have you ever thought about this? If you consider the most accomplished politicians in America today: John Kerry, Bill Clinton, or George Bush. None of them would be taken seriously had they been born black instead of white. What does that say about America? Read the book to come to your own conclusions.

作者介绍:

This book is not meant to pick on George Bush (although that is very easy to do). Rather, it was meant to discuss the issues that our society faces. It was meant to make the point that we have a double standard in America, one where your actions and characteristics receive varying interpretations, all dependent upon your socioeconomic status. Has anyone ever called Paris Hilton a welfare recipient? Have we ever thought of Martha Stewart as living the "thug life" as she heads off to jail in a \$5,000 suit? What if Martha were a black man with 8 gold teeth who had just stolen \$500 from an old lady? Would we interpret the case any differently? We need to think about these issues and consider committing ourselves to uniform treatment of individuals without regard to what kind of "social cosmetic" they happen to possess. This book is meant to address these issues, as we make the point that if George Bush had been born a black man, his margin of error in American society would have been far smaller than it actually was. This is not just true for George, it is true for the son of an IBM manager or a soccer mom's daughter. All youth make mistakes, but it seems that in America, black men are the dog that gets shot when it gets out of control.

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