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REAL BLACK

ADVENTURES IN RACIAL SINCERITY

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New York's urban neighborhoods are full of young would-be emcees who aspire to "keep it real" and restaurants like Sylvia's famous soul food eatery that offer a taste of "authentic" black culture. In these and other venues, authenticity is considered the best way to distinguish the real from the phony, the genuine from the fake. But in "Real Black", John L. Jackson Jr. proposes a new model for thinking about these issues - racial sincerity. Jackson argues that authenticity caricatures identity as something imposed on people, imprisoning them within stereotypes: an African American high school student who excels in the classroom, for instance, might be dismissed as "acting white." Sincerity, on the other hand, as Jackson defines it, imagines authenticity as an incomplete measuring stick, an analytical model that attempts to deny people agency in their search for identity. Drawing on more than ten years of ethnographic research in and around New York City, Jackson offers a kaleidoscope of subjects and stories that directly and indirectly address how race is negotiated in today's world - including tales of book-vending numerologists, urban conspiracy theorists, corrupt police officers, mixed-race neo-Nazis, and gospel choirs forbidden to catch the Holy Ghost. Jackson records and retells their interconnected sagas, all the while attempting to reconcile these stories with his own crisis of identity and authority as an anthropologist terrified by fieldwork. Finding ethnographic significance where mere mortals see only bricks and mortar, his invented alter ego, Anthroman, takes to the streets, showing how race is defined and debated, imposed and confounded every single day.

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评论

作者通过对纽约哈莱姆地区黑人的民族志研究，展示了身份的“真实性”和“真诚性”之间的negotiation，揭示了即使种族主义基础已经被解构，种族主义仍未消亡。后-后结构主义主要解答在后现代解构一切之后，如何寻找真实的立足点？答案：重归affecti on, desire, body

3.5后现代人类学民族志，作者认为“种族”这个概念已经被解构，同时探讨了很多race的真实存在性是否于其主观性一致。对"ethnographicphobia"这个概念很感兴趣。可是作者行文真是太自大了，已经无法计算在前两章他到底提了几次哈佛和杜克来强调自己的身份，读来非常不舒服

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