

# Growing Up in Grosse Pointe During the Civil Rights Movement

In the affluent suburb of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, during the 1950s and 1960s, racial tensions simmered beneath the surface of a seemingly idyllic community. It was here, in the heart of one of the most segregated neighborhoods in the country, that John Barnes grew up. His memoir, *Growing Up in Grosse Pointe During the Civil Rights Movement*, offers a first-hand account of a tumultuous era and the complexities of race in America.



## The Fort: Growing Up in Grosse Pointe During the Civil Rights Movement by David Graeber

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Born to a black father and a white mother, Barnes was raised in a world of privilege and isolation. His family lived in a beautiful home on Lake Shore Drive, but they were often the only black family in sight. Barnes attended Grosse Pointe High School, where he was one of only a handful of black students. He was subjected to both overt and covert racism, from being

called names to being denied opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities.

Despite the challenges he faced, Barnes remained determined to succeed. He excelled in academics and became a talented athlete. He also developed a deep sense of social justice, inspired by the Civil Rights Movement that was sweeping the nation. He marched in protests, picketed segregated businesses, and worked to register voters.

Barnes's memoir is a powerful and moving account of the struggles and triumphs of a young black man coming of age during the Civil Rights Movement. It is a story about race, identity, and the power of perseverance. It is a story that is as relevant today as it was fifty years ago.

In addition to his personal experiences, Barnes also provides a historical context for the events that shaped his life. He discusses the history of Grosse Pointe, which was founded in the early 20th century as a whites-only suburb. He also explores the national events that fueled the Civil Rights Movement, such as the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the March on Washington.

*Growing Up in Grosse Pointe During the Civil Rights Movement* is a valuable addition to the literature on race and civil rights in America. It is a personal and honest account that sheds light on a complex and often overlooked period in our history. It is a book that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

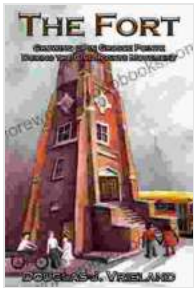
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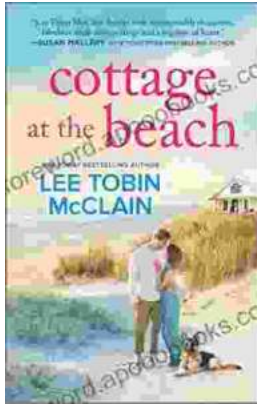
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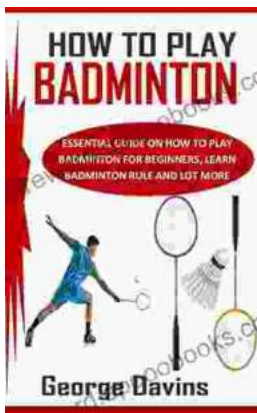
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