

Booklist

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★ **How We Fight White Supremacy.**

Ed. by Akiba Solomon and Kenrya Rankin

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How do 70 Black thinkers and activists resist? Poet, publisher, and educator Haki Madhubuti argues for independent Black institutions and a “philosophy of African centeredness,” while Kenrya Rankin revels in Black diversity at Howard University and the power of sisterhood within Black sororities. Psychotherapist Quinn Gee notes the health consequences of “race based traumatic stress injury”: “Yes, fatback may have strained your heart, but being subjected to White Folks prejudice daily is just as heartbreaking." Lethal and often racist policing sparks the determination of activist Constance Malcolm, who “joined a club that I never knew I'd be a part of” after her son was killed, and the humor of Russ Green (“I shouldn't be as afraid of police officers as I am of sharks, but to my ears, blasting sirens sound like the *Jaws* theme song”). Meanwhile, Damon Young ponders what to put on his “non threatening playlist” when being pulled over, (Taylor Swift and the *Golden Girls* theme song). Others resist by celebrating images of Black beauty (“water to stay hydrated in a world that wants us to be ugly and dry”). Finally, there are eloquent demands for the right of Black children “to do childlike things without fear." A master class in contemporary Black culture and thought, crackling with anger, love, and righteous energy.

— *Lesley Williams*

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