Memory of a Racist Past — Yazoo: Integration in a Deep-Southern Town by Willie Morris

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When Morris was in many ways a young lawyer, his rise to fame is born; in his early years, he met with his family in front of the law school and in his mid-teens. He attended and graduated from the University of Virginia, where he made the decision to run for student council president. His thesis was rejected by the student council, and he was removed from the race in the South for the hurtful manner in which he treated other students. After graduation, he attended the University of Mississippi Medical School where he decided to stay, leaving the University of Mississippi to pursue his medical degree, attending the University of Mississippi Medical School and later joining the faculty of the University of Mississippi Medical School.


deeply into the history of the South, a theme Morris returns to regularly. This push and pull is evident throughout the book as Morris relates his own experiences with racism.

Writers will find Chapter 2, in Part One, particularly interesting. Morris writes:

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Morris writes in the "Afterword" about Willie Morris and the need for continued scholarly works on racism: "A guardian angel is needed to contextualize the work and provide valuable biographical insights into the life of Willie Morris. The lesson is clear. Through a biographical account of the racial animosities lurking under the surface of official rhetoric.

This book is highly recommended for its ease of reading and intriguing portrait of a literary person account of the racial issues.

Legal scholars will find Chapter 9, also in Part One, intriguing as Morris discusses his "The Legal scholar’s decision that desegregated public schools. Morris describes skillfully the impact memory has on the individual. It is a fateful burden for the South, often explored through Morris’s anecdotes about friends, acquaintances and relatives. Both a blessing and a curse, memory shapes our lives and our relationships.

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