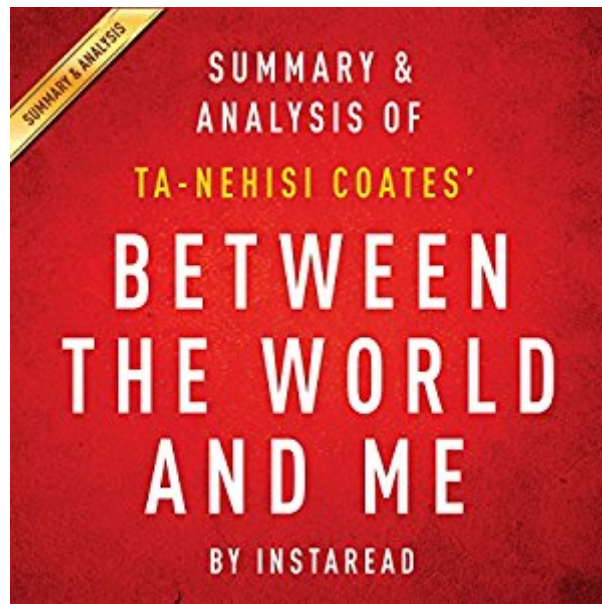


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# Between The World And Me By Ta-Nehisi Coates: Summary & Analysis



## Synopsis

As society has experienced the recent deaths of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, and Eric Garner through media coverage, it has began a dialogue regarding the treatment of young men of color and the attitude of law enforcement and lawmakers in regards to the safety and security of the urban black population. *Between the World and Me* is a letter Ta-Nehisi Coates writes to his teenage son, one that describes the tragedy and truth of the black experience, and focuses on what it means to be a child and parent in the black community and how lives are impacted by the inherent racism and societally engrained perspective held by those in power. Coates begins his narrative addressing the lack of prosecution of the police officer killing of Michael Brown, a young, black man. After hearing that the killer of Brown would go free, Coates' son Samori leaves the room and is later heard crying... Please note: This is a summary and analysis of the book and not the original book. Inside this summary & analysis of *Between the World and Me*: Introduction to the important people in the book Analysis of the themes and author's Style With Instaread, you can get the summary and analysis of a book in 15 minutes. We read, summarize and analyze every chapter for your convenience.

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## Customer Reviews

"Between the World and Me" is a powerful book, and none of the impact is lost in this summary version. It has been a while since the last time I had read something so profound, and on such a sensitive topic as 9/11. I wanted to know as much about the story and characters as I could, so I bought this summary, and luckily it is not that long. Even though it is short, it covers and analyzes all

the major points. If you've read the original book, you've probably found some conflict with many of the author's statements, but the summary helps to clear this up. You can really view the book in an unbiased light. I highly recommend this summary as a companion and insight guide to the original book.

I came to this summary to help resolve my conflicts about the actual book, particularly Coates's statements about the New York City firefighters that died on 9/11. *BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME* is a powerful book, but it is sometimes hard to distinguish Coates's meanings versus his internal conflict that he's trying to resolve on paper. Thankfully, Instaread helps pick out the main themes and pull them together, especially helpful considering the back-and-forth nature of the book. This summary isn't the longest I've seen from Instaread, but neither is the actual book (it's a short book). However, all the essentials are here: the summary, the character reviews, the major themes, and the analysis of the writer's style. Readers will especially appreciate the definitions of Coates's created words, such as "The Dreamers" and "The Mecca". And yes, this summary helped resolve some of my conflict about Coates's statements about the firefighters, telling me that he was so impacted by Prince Jones's death that he couldn't fully see or celebrate them as heroes. While this book was created around the idea of Michael Brown, Prince Jones takes a more major stage: as this summary points out, explaining how it all plays into the overall book's concepts. There are many things that sadden me about Coates's book, and some things I don't agree with: Instaread does a fine job of taking the main points without getting into personal feelings or opinions. If you are looking for a summary that offers a non-biased approach, this is perfect.

The original book is a letter by Ta-Nehesi Coates to his son, Samori. He starts in Philadelphia where he was raised in the inner city as a child of a black family. What does it mean to be a child and parent in the black community? What are the social, cultural and legal realities? (Important to note here that this book is based on Ta-Nehesi's experience in America and is written for/to Americans although folks from other places may well enjoy it.) This DETAILED review by Instaread starts off with a 10 page (Kindle) summary providing the reader with a good synopsis of the book. It then delves into some of the main characters and analysis. Who are "The Dreamers"? Why does Ta-Nehesi conclude, among other things that the black community is "at the mercy of these Dreamers"? Instaread describes the text as being "like a sharp slap in the face..." Some of the other themes discussed are: >>> Racism >>> The dynamic between children and parents in the African American community >>> Finding freedom as a black man in America >>> Black women and their

fate within societyThe original book is written in the second person. This Instaread summary will give you a good background of the original, help you departmentalize the many topics covered if you have already read the original etc. Book provided in exchange for an honest review. Please note that my review is based on the quality of this Instaread review and NOT the original book.

Thanks, Liz

The summary misstates even basic facts in the book (Coates was not raised in Philly, as noted in summary, as several other misstated facts in the summary). This summary may very well confuse more than clarify because it misses vital points made clear in the beautiful prose of the actual book. Just buy the book. There's nothing to summarize, it must be read, the concept is too heavy to summarize.

I undeniably adore these books by Instaread. This is a tremendously convenient read for those who are in a pinch and need to know what Ta-Nehisi Coates's *Between the World and Me* is about as soon as possible. This is also great if you need a quick refresher of the novel. This summary and analysis is very well written and the writing flows very well. The Instaread author gives you an overview and summary of the entire novel, explaining the key elements and themes and analyzing every important character. Moreover, it provides a break-down of each chapter. This is a very valuable resource for deepening your understanding of the story and the underlying themes throughout. This can come in handy for book clubs or even a school or university assignment. I would definitely recommend this great read to anyone interested in *Between the World and Me*.

Very comprehensive summary guide to *Between the World and Me*. Easy to read and well laid out covering everything you need to know and more. It gave insight into several things I missed and the symbols and themes section was awesome. I read the original book as well and sometimes the writing got a bit slow and I was confused between Coates's internal conflict and the meaning. Great book and I highly recommend it, but you need a companion book like this. There were a few things in the original book I didn't really agree with. Most people would have different opinions and I liked how Instaread approached everything neutrally leaving it up to the reader to decide. Highly recommended!

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