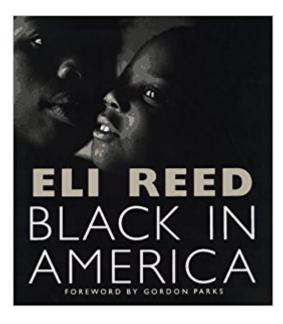
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# **Black In America**





# Synopsis

Noted Magnum photographer Eli Reed's provocative and often poignant portrait of black life in America. Eli Reed has been documenting the black experience in America from the first time he began taking pictures. Now a member of Magnum, the prestigious photojournalist's cooperative, he is known for his unflinching coverage of events both large and small. Here we see tender moments between parents and children contrasted with the Los Angeles riots. The joy of a wedding follows the sorrow and anger at the funeral of Yusef Hawkins in Brooklyn. The deceptive innocence of rural life balances the tensions of the urban drug scene. And a 104-year-old woman contemplates her life a few pages away from the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. There is truth in Reed's work, as well as anger, and compassion. These images communicate to us--sometimes as gently as a kiss and sometimes as cruelly as a bullet. They are part of Eli Reed's America--and ours. 135 duotones

### **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

If I were rating my shopping experience, you wouldn't see 5 stars here... but since it is the book I am asked to review, we will focus our attention here. Eli Reed's 'Black in America' is a book that I've heard referenced many times over the years, and I'd seen several powerful images selected from within it's pages that resonated within me. As a result, of course I found myself wishing to own a copy one day but like so many things it was placed in the back of my mind. On a recent trip to NYC, it was suggested I attend a showing for a video documentary of an excellent street photographer

named Jamal Shabazz.. the film was excellent, the photos were excellent and vaguely reminiscent of the imagery I recalled from 'Black in America'... so it came as little surprise to hear Mr. Shabazz hail this body of work as one of the key influences he found as a youth that drove him to eventually pursue street photography in the manner he did. Unfortunately the copy I received is in poor condition, despite the seller's description there are pages falling out so I am in the process of returning this copy and shopping for another.

Wonderful collection of photographs taken by master photographer Eli Reed. Truly a documentation of the diversity of Black Americans across the country. Culturally captures without words the evolution of Black America on film and in print.

Eli Reed is a photographer with a great sense of composition and attention to detail. He documents black life in a way that is both real and artistic.

Compassionate and truly beautiful! Eli Reed photographs demonstrate his amazing abilityto capture the essence and spirit of the people.

Very good documentary photos of Black life and circumstances from one of the masters of documentary/photojournalism photography.

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