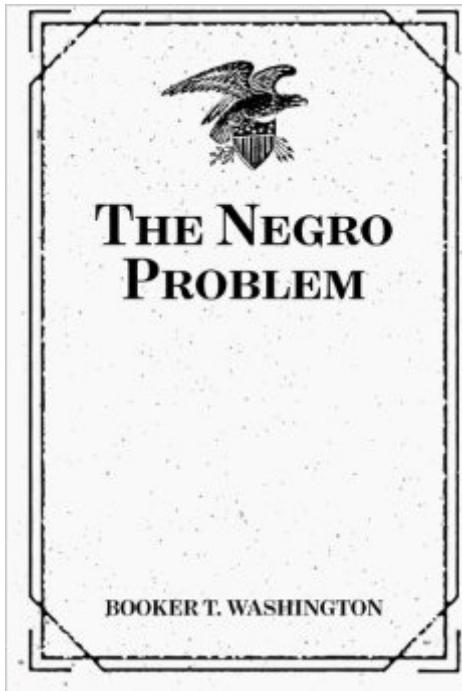


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# The Negro Problem



## **Synopsis**

From 1890-1915, the most influential black man in America was Booker T. Washington, who less than 35 years earlier had been born into slavery. The young boy worked laboriously until emancipation before going on to seek an education. By the time he was 40, he was consolidating a network of supporters that came to be known as the "Tuskegee Machine," helping coordinate action with the support of black businesses, religious communities, and others. With his position of power, Washington spoke out against Jim Crow laws and Southern disfranchisement of blacks. By the early 20th century, Washington's tactics were questioned by other black leaders, notably W. E. B. Du Bois, who wanted to protest more vehemently in an effort to secure civil rights. Washington believed confrontation would only hurt the cause, and that cooperation and softer tones would wear down racism over time. To that end, both men wrote voluminously in support of their stances and thoughts. Washington wrote 14 books, including his renowned autobiography, *Up From Slavery*, which was published in 1901. Washington continues to be recognized for helping to improve the relationships between blacks and whites, as well as helping blacks get further access to education and civil rights.Â

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Great information put forth by one of America's true heroes Mr. Booker T Washington. He was quite ahead of his time by encouraging blacks to learn skills and to become educated. Mr. Washington believed that through learning skills and becoming successful that it would encourage and raise up

not just the black race but any race. Mr. Washington put forth his ideas into action at Tuskegee University where it thousands of men and women were transformed to productive citizens with great education. He believed also that by following the path of a good Christian would also raise up all people. Unfortunately, nearly every university has moved away from biblical teachings and encouraging strong Judeo-Christian values. We need more men like Booker T Washington especially today! In this book, Mr. Washington tackles the issue of blacks that become complacent in being assisted and not having everything handed to them.

The book was a good read. A good read especially from the point of view of the authors writing in days past when things were a bit different (but much the same). The overwhelming message of this book is education. Education for everyone- black, white and beyond. I'm an older white guy that learned something new from this old book. This should not be a mandatory read for youngsters but it certainly should be an enthusiastic suggestion. The only downside is the title. I would not suggest it should be changed. The title was the choice upon publication, and was a good one. I'm just guessing there are potential readers that would unfortunately pass this book by just because of the title. That would be a shame.

America needs to read this book TODAY! Many of the issues plaguing the black community today are not any different than the issues Booker T. Washington confronted in his day and the solution is still the same...education! While many criticize Booker T. Washington for his approach, we can look at the contemporary black community today and take notice that black have attained to some of the highest political offices in the Nation, but the community as a whole never improves because the masses lack an education and do not provide society a marketable skill that society is willing to pay for. The words of this book should be heeded today.

This book encapsulates Washington's vision for his people. He felt that education would best enable all Blacks to attain autonomy and he explained why his opponents' ideas were either short-sighted or based on fallacious assumptions. What really struck me as being unusual was that he provided published articles or public speeches made by other Black Leaders in the latter 1800's and included them with his own publication so that people could discover for themselves whether or not those who proposed different solutions or even out-right maligned him were really offering a viable vision for Blacks and our society. Most believe that Washington felt Blacks were inferior or second class citizens. I discovered that he knew that unskilled and uneducated Blacks would not have

opportunities to build in their communities. Within thirty years, top Black minds were participating in a World's Fair with numerous ideas and inventions to bless our nation and all mankind. I am convinced that the Harlem Renaissance would not have been possible without this amazing leader's life work and that of many other noble people, especially affiliated with the Tuskegee Institute in Atlanta, GA.

An amazing and still very relevant book about black history, the African American mentality, and sociological phenomenon. I loved reading the various philosophies from all of these great men and it amazed me that much of this information and many of the "Negro Problems" are still the same. Their takes on how to solve "The Negro Problem" were very different, I lean towards the mentality of Dubois, but the others are very relevant as well. Its a must have for African Americans looking to seek resolve on the issues of today because sadly some of them are still the same.

I like the book because it made me think about situations in those times that I had not considered. I think that some solutions to the problems of that time could also be applied today. We avoid so much the looking back to history but many answers still lie in our past.

this book should be read by all people the writer booker t. washington was a very smart person ahead of has time

Great book of essays! It's amazing to read what prominent black writers, educators, and other leaders in the early 1900s thought about our place in society and the best ways to move forward . . . and while reading it, realize that we are still addressing many of these same issues today.

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