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Second Review (2018) - In light of the emergence of white supremacy, the Alt-Right and police violence, though this book was written in 1965, it speaks clearly to the issues of today. While Thurman's focus in 1965 was segregation, today his words speak to the realities of systemic racism at all levels of society. Thurman talks about the psychological, spiritual and social implications of racism for both black and white. While he did not have current terms, in contemporary language he talks about internalized racism, historical racial trauma, white privilege, dehumanization, white fear and the spiritual hypocrisy of the Christian Church. While his focus in the book is on the relationship between blacks and whites, his words are equally applicable to the experiences of undocumented immigrants, the Latinx community, and American Muslims.

Racism - in all its forms - is a soul destroying cancer for its victims, its perpetrators and for those who standby, see and do nothing. Thurman shows us just how deep that cancer has spread. ...more

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Howard Thurman never fails to educate, convict, and inspire.

This now dated book has amazing insights about race, many of which are still relevant.

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