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## Description

Goines's classic novel of prison life, it has been called "one of the most revealing books ever written about prison life and the bigotry built into the system." This is the story of Chester Hines, who thought he was the baddest man to come down the street. Behind prison walls he was nothing more than fresh meat.

## Insightful reviews

Amanda B.: My older sister seemed to have enjoyed reading books by Donald Goines. Having already read two of his books, I thought it would be nice to read another one. This time around I picked up this book out of my interest to the justice system and crime, and the cover portrayed a man in jail. I have been doing some research about the law enforcement in the United States for my senior exit project, and I thought this would allow me to see how some people perceived it. The other books I have read by Goines have been intriguing and talk about somewhat taboo subjects. He definitely did not let me down this time around.

This story in particular follows the character Chester Hines and how he goes from a "normal" man to a prison man. Hines is degraded in prison and departs from the person he was on the streets (in respects to his actions). Although there are shows which let everyday people understand what prison life is like, reading it in a well-crafted story it becomes truly impressive. Goines doesn't fail to utilize dialogue to illustrate what prison life is like. Hines has conversations with other inmates, and those conversations bring up things like the scarcity of food or Hines mental instability. Hines built a relationship with another inmate called Willie, and this turned out to be a fake friendship. The build up in this book is so captivating and the ending is even better. What I took away from this book is that criminals can get immersed in a vicious mindset which makes anything off limits. Some become insensitive to committing more crimes and genuine relationships. Prisons are not ideal places and this book undoubtedly shows that; they are a place of misery and uncertainty.

Jason Reeves: The injustices of society have always been a rude awakening. This book is superb, by far, exceeded my expectations.

Sarah Hamilton: The life inside of the prison system is disturbing and unfair. It is a dog eat dog world out there and one that seems to be in favor of the white male. It is a world that is set up as survival of the fittest and if you can't be stronger and smarter than the man on side of you, you probably won't make it. The injustices stem from cover to cover and they aren't in favor of main character Chester Hines.

Pamela: very good Book,

Marty Babits: This e-book is a masterpiece of writing approximately lifestyles in prison. it's a treatise on institutionalized racism in addition to a penetrating depiction of the standard of men's friendships--the energy and fragility of the bonds that counteract emotions of dehumanization

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and depersonalization which are endemic to harsh and harsh circumstance. might be Goines maximum book. now not all of his paintings rises to the extent of literature, even supposing all surpasses the class of 'entertainment-without-any-greater-purpose." no longer that i'm downplaying the worth of entertainment. paintings that entertains serves an excellent purpose, yet paintings that strives for extra is in a special category. paintings that achieves extra is in an exalted type and that is the place i would position this book.

Ashti: So particular and graphic, i enjoyed each page!!!

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