

Named 1 of 17 books "feminists should read for 2020": An "eye-opening book" --***Bitch Media***

"*Whiter* captures the many dimensions of colorism that shape Asian women's lives. Messages from mothers, others, and the surrounding cultures all coincide to constrain women's sense of beauty, family, identity, and worth. But Nikki Khanna and the distinguished contributors to this volume capture the many ways, both subtle and overt, that women negotiate, succumb to, and defy the dominant messages around skin color. This volume is a wonderful combination of sociology, cultural studies, memoir, history, media studies, and poetics bringing a diversity of voices and perspectives to this conversation."—**Margaret Hunter, author of *Race, Gender, and the Politics of Skin Tone***

"Colorism affects Asian American women of every background, whether it's due to Asian beauty standards, colonialism, or racism. Khanna taps into the cultural pressures to possess lighter skin color. By curating relatable and thought-provoking stories from a diverse group of Asian American women in their own voices, *Whiter* will appeal to a wide breadth of readers—from gender and race scholars to anyone interested in deconstructing beauty standards."—**Nancy Wang Yuen, author of *Reel Inequality: Hollywood Actors and Racism***

"Throughout Asia, women face immense cultural expectations to gain and maintain fair skin color...These poignant essays provide a fascinating look at the experiences of colorism by women in the Asian American community. Highly recommended." --***Library Journal***

"*Whiter* is a refreshing, informative and moving collection. It sheds light (literally), shifts values, and shares pride in our natural selves. In the ongoing struggle for racial equality and justice in America—especially after the outbreak of COVID-19 escalating anti-Chinese and anti-Asian rhetoric, discrimination, and attacks; the persisting and devastating deaths of Black people like Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd and the ongoing Black Lives Matter protests; and the recent 2020 election of America's first multiracial, Black/South Asian American woman vice-president, Kamala Harris—it is important now more than ever to continue the conversation on race, skin color, and colorism, especially in the Asian American community." --***International Examiner***

"This insightful, thought-provoking volume gives voice to the wide range of Asian American women's experiences of colorism." --***Choice***