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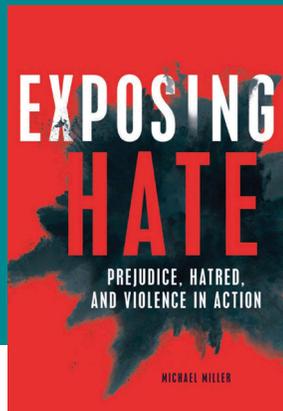
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Book Review

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Excellent

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Hate is more commonplace than anyone might think. Throughout history, groups have banded together against select minorities to damage property, speak cruelly, and take lives. This book truly exposes the hate that is becoming increasingly rampant in the world. It discusses the origins of hate in extremism, comments on the history of hate groups in the United States, and talks about the formation of hate groups and their aims, as well as the crimes they commit. This book also takes a modern approach in its exploration of the very real harm of online hate, which is especially dangerous for its emboldening anonymity. Beyond providing information, the book presents resolutions to hatred in America by challenging readers to question hateful rhetoric. Ultimately, author Michael Miller empowers the readers to first understand and then combat prejudices, all the way from everyday microaggressions to full-scale hate crimes. This book is equal parts informational and argumentative, and it teaches about some of the darkest part of society without, in any way, advocating the behavior.

Exposing Hate is a well-researched guide to the reality of hate and violence in America and around the world. Readers should be aware that, although this book is written at a level for young adult readers, there is some dark information within these pages. For example, author Michael Miller mentions specific hateful, violent acts and also provides quotes from members of these hate groups, which includes profanity and racial slurs. Though these words are not entirely spelled out, it is easy to determine which word is being referenced, and they are harsh ones. One weakness of this book as an informational piece is that the author does not attempt to withhold his own opinion, and his personal views are apparent throughout the text. For example, the author calls out President Donald Trump as being a perpetrator of hate speech, and attributes rises in hate crimes to his presidency. However, the author is not exclusively critical of the political right, and he acknowledges the extremism and hate in the political left as well.