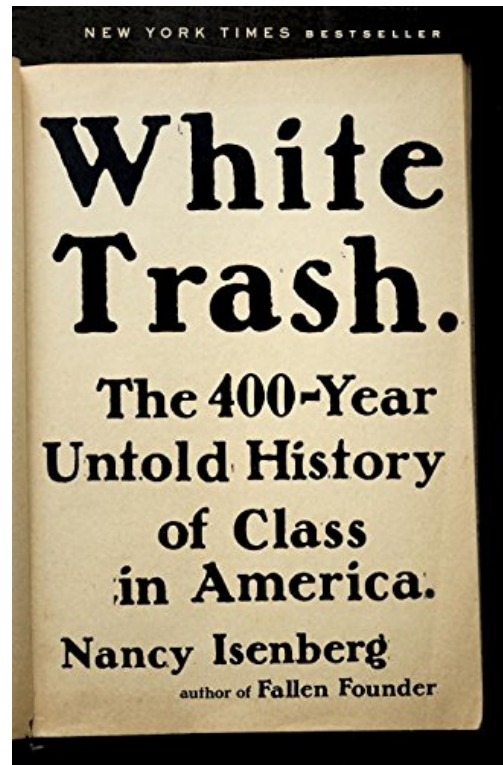


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## Book Synopsis

The New York Times bestseller One of the New York Times s Top Books of 2016Longlisted for the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for NonfictionGlobe &Mail 100 Best of 2016â€œFormidable and truth-dealing . . . necessary.â€â€The New York Timesâ€œThis eye-opening investigation into our countryâ€™s entrenched social hierarchy is acutely relevant.â€â€O Magazine In her groundbreakingâ€ bestselling history of the class system in America,â€ Nancy Isenberg upends history as we know it by taking on our comforting myths about equality and uncovering the crucial legacy of the ever-present, always embarrassingâ€if occasionally entertainingâ€poor white trash. â€â€œWhen you turn an election into a three-ring circus, thereâ€™s always a chance that the dancing bear will win,â€ says Isenberg of the political climate surrounding Sarah Palin. And we recognize how right she is today. Yet the voters who boosted Trump all the way to the White House have been a permanent part of our American fabric, argues Isenberg. The wretched and landless poor have existed from the time of the earliest British colonial settlement to today s hillbillies. They were alternately known as â€œwaste people,â€ â€œoffals,â€ â€œrubbish,â€ â€œlazy lubbers,â€ and â€œcrackers.â€ By the 1850s, the downtrodden included so-called â€œclay eatersâ€ and â€œsandhillers,â€ known for prematurely aged children distinguished by their yellowish skin, ragged clothing, and listless minds. â€ Surveying political rhetoric and policy, popular literature and scientific theories over four hundred years, Isenberg upends assumptions about Americaâ€™s supposedly class-free societyâ€â€where liberty and hard work were meant to ensure real social mobility. Poor whites were central to the rise of the Republican Party in the early nineteenth century, and the Civil War itself was fought over class issues nearly as much as it was fought over slavery. Reconstruction pitted poor white trash against newly freed slaves, which factored in the rise of eugenicsâ€-a widely popular movement embraced by Theodore Roosevelt that targeted poor whites for sterilization. These poor were at the heart of New Deal reforms and LBJâ€™s Great Society; they haunt us in reality TV shows like Here Comes Honey Boo Boo and Duck Dynasty. Marginalized as a class, white trash have always been at or near the center of major political debates over the character of the American identity. â€ We acknowledge racial

injustice as an ugly stain on our nation's history. With Isenberg's landmark book, we will have to face the truth about the enduring, malevolent nature of class as well.