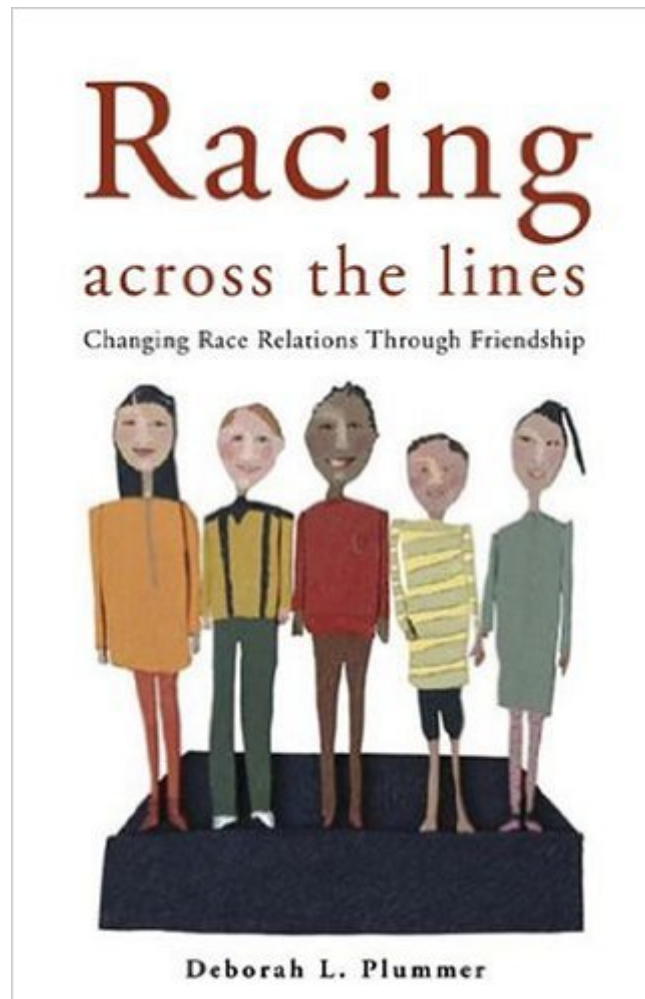


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# Racing Across The Lines: Changing Race Relations Through Friendship



## Synopsis

Racing Across the Lines by Deborah L. Plummer, first published in 2004, demonstrates how cross-racial friendships can improve race relations. A robust combination of the author's personal experiences and insights, shared stories, and findings from focus groups she conducted made the book an instant bestseller. After five successful years it has been revised and updated, and includes a DVD of Plummer presenting the critical strategies and concepts that made the first edition a positive step toward more effective race relations. Each chapter includes a journalogue which contains exercises for personal reflection, group dialogue, and spiritual practice. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Plummer's "Racing across the Lines" is the most compelling book on race relations I have ever read. She tackles head on the "elephant in the living room" (that which we all see but refuse to talk about) from her own life experience and personalizes the topic of race relations so that it almost reads like a novel. She uses her exposure in both the African American and white cultures as the backdrop for her basic premise, "I do not believe that race relations in the United States will progress until what we do after five o'clock and on the weekends, especially in our churchhes, includes a bit of diversity...The practice of diversity management can only be learned in the school of life--espeically life after work hours." (p. 12) This goes way beyond political correctness or the affect on the bottom line in our workplaces. Plummer writes in first person, names real friends and colleagues, and offers a how-to for those interested in beginning a dialogue with someone of color

different from one's own. Each chapter ends for the reader with a Journalogue--a series of reflections, questions, and spiritual action steps. This should be required reading for anyone wanting an honest, practical, and soul-searching approach to interracial friendships and to personal, professional, spiritual growth.

I've only just dipped into this book so far, but absolutely agree with the previous reviewer that this book is insightful and inspiring in a very profound way. As a transracial adoptive mother, I would say this book should be required background reading for all transracial parents and prospective adoptive parents. I love the guided journal suggestions and questions for discussion at the end of each chapter. This is very rich, powerful, and potentially transformative, without being trite or glossing over the struggles.

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