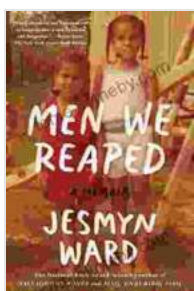


Men We Reaped: A Memoir by Jesmyn Ward

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Ward begins the memoir with the death of her brother, Joshua, in 2000. Joshua was shot and killed by a white man in a road rage incident. Ward was just 22 years old at the time, and Joshua's death devastated her. In the years that followed, Ward lost four more young men from her community: Demond, Michael, Emmett, and Ronald. Each of these deaths was a tragedy, and each one left a hole in the heart of the community.

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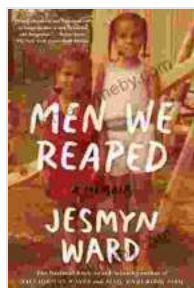
- NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work (2012)

About the Author

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