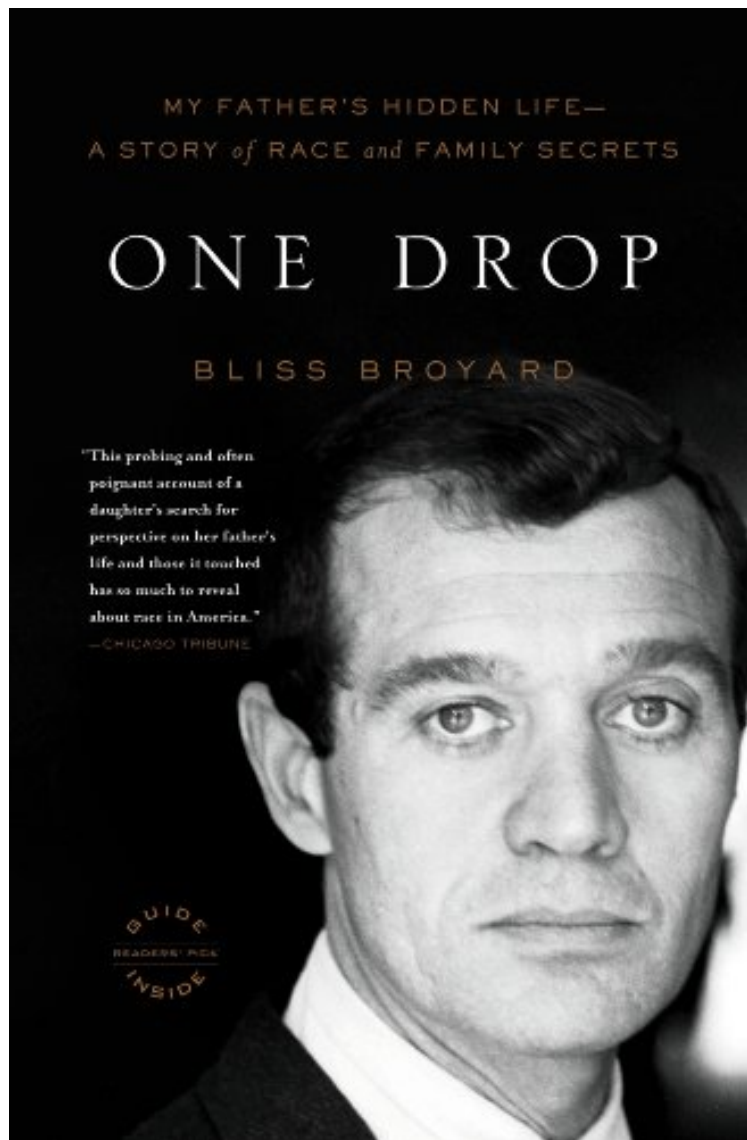


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Kurzbeschreibung In this acclaimed memoir, Bliss Broyard, daughter of the literary critic Anatole Broyard, examines her father's choice to hide his racial identity, and the impact of this revelation on her own life. Two months before he died, renowned literary critic Anatole Broyard called his grown son and daughter to his side to impart a secret he had kept all their lives and most of his own: he was black. Born in the French Quarter in 1920, Anatole had begun to conceal his racial identity after his family moved to Brooklyn and his parents resorted to "passing" in order to get work. As he grew older and entered the ranks of the New York literary elite, he maintained the facade. Now his daughter Bliss tries to make sense of his choices. Seeking out unknown relatives in New York, Los Angeles, and New Orleans, Bliss uncovers the 250-year history of her family in America and chronicles her own evolution from privileged WASP to a woman of mixed-race ancestry. From Booklist *Starred * How easy it is to keep secrets, even within a close-knit family. Bliss Broyard was 24 when she learned that her father, Anatole, for many years the daily book reviewer for the New York Times, had concealed his black heritage. With a mother of Norwegian and French descent (who carried her own burdens), Bliss and her brother never looked anything but white, yet as soon as Bliss was told about her father's lineage, all sorts of family traits suddenly made a new kind of sense. Still, the disclosure left Broyard reeling, uncertain of her identity or place in the world. At the same time, her jazz-loving, lady-killer father was dying. Determined to learn as much as possible about her heritage, Broyard embarked on an intrepid genealogical quest that yielded not only new relatives but also galvanizing insights into Creole culture, African American history, and the cold truth about "passing." Broyard's vivid, compassionate portrait of her complex father raises the question, What is the deep-down cost of living a lie? And her remarkably perceptive and well-wrought saga of blood ties denied and nurtured celebrates the grand diversity and true interconnectivity of the entire human family. Seaman, Donna Pressestimmen Extraordinary... ONE DROP does a great deal to puncture the whole illusion of race MADISON SMARTT BELL, AUTHOR OF TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE Bliss Broyard delivers an emotional blend of family history, social history and memoir. Well-researched and beautifully written, Broyard's book is at once a trenchant exploration of the consequences of racial differences in America and a highly personal A.M. Homes, author of This BOOK WILL SAVE YOUR Life fascinating, insightful book... deals engrossingly with the stories of Ms Broyard and her closest relatives and the heart of "One Drop" lies with the author's father New York TIMES This probing and often poignant account of a daughter's search for perspective on her father's life and those it touched has so much to reveal about race in America CHICAGO Tribune