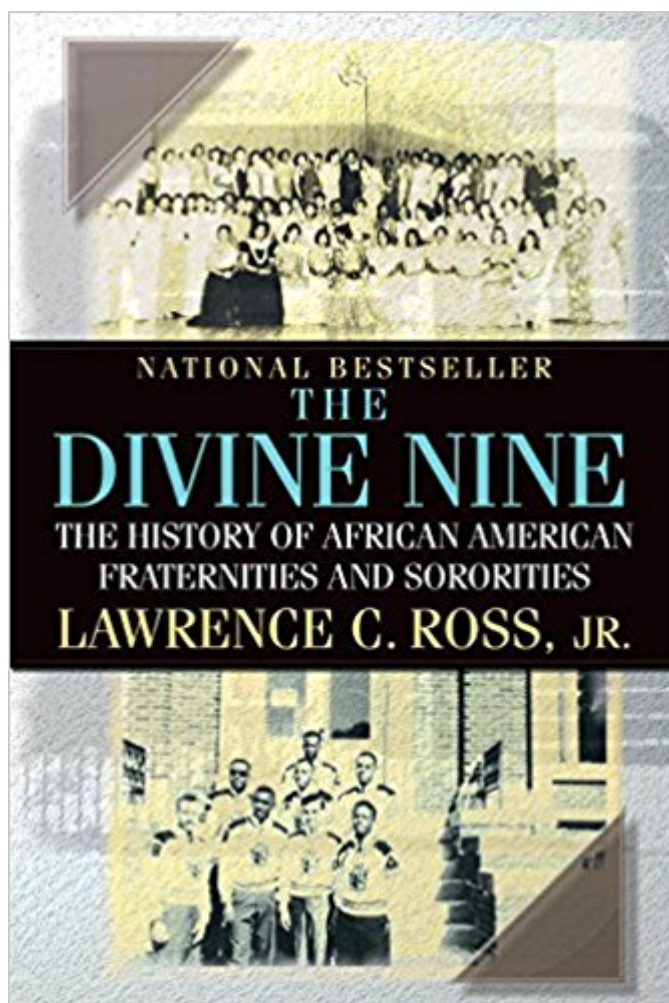


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The Divine Nine: The History Of African American Fraternities And Sororities



Synopsis

America's Black fraternities and sororities are a unique and vital part of 20th-century African-American history. The Divine Nine tells how these organizations have played a major role in shaping generations of black leaders. Includes interviews with Star Jones, Shaquille O'Neal, Spencer Christian, and Nikki Giovanni. Two 24-page photo inserts.

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This history of black fraternities and sororities confirms the underlying purpose of these institutions: to provide a supportive educational environment for their members during college and social and business networks beyond college. Ross notes the substantial variation on the specific circumstances behind the formation of black fraternities and sororities. For example, Alpha Phi Alpha was formed at Cornell University just after the turn of the last century to counterbalance extreme racial hostilities aimed at the few black students. Shortly thereafter, in the more protective environment of predominantly black Howard University, Omega Psi Phi was formed. More recently (1963), older commuter students at Morgan State formed Iota Phi Theta. The underlying theme in all cases was camaraderie with a special emphasis on providing support to minorities in hostile environments, whether on campus or the broader racial environment of the U.S. Ross profiles several members of black fraternities and sororities, many of them prominent, and notes the contributions the groups have made to black leadership in the U.S. Vernon Ford --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Never before has information about African American fraternities and sororities been published for the general public, until now...America's black fraternities and sororities are a unique and vital part of 20th century African American history, providing young black achievers with opportunities to support each other while they serve their communities and the nation. From pioneering work in the suffragette movement to extraordinary strides during the Civil Rights era to life-changing inner-city mentoring programs in the 1990s, members of these organizations share a proud tradition of brotherhood, sisterhood, and service. Today, America's nine black fraternities and sororities are two and one-half million members strong with chapters at major universities and colleges, including Stanford University, Howard University, and University of Chicago. This extensive yet very accessible book celebrates the spirit of excellence shared by African American fraternity and sorority members, both past and present, and is sure to be treasured for generations to come. INCLUDES INTERVIEWS WITH FAMOUS MEMBERS OF THE DIVINE NINE --From John H. Johnson and Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby-Grant to Star Jones and Shaquille O'Neal PLUS INSPIRING PROFILES OF OTHER FAMOUS MEMBERS --From Langston Hughes and Ella Fitzgerald to Toni Morrison and Colin Powell

Great book for college course, and price was reasonable for freshman budget!

I think this book a good introduction into the organizations that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). I will admit it appeared as if there was a biased towards some of the organizations in the way they were presented. Overall, I think it's a good book for anyone to learn more about the NPHC, and I recommend it!

Came as described, fast shipping.

Because it's not only educational within my history has an African American but it's informing me of what I need to know for what I'm interested in! Thank you!

Wanted to learn more about the divine nine.

Very informative.

love this! A+. bought as a gift for my boyfriend. he read the whole book in like 3 days!

Amazing narrative. Very detailed history. A MUST READ!!!!

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