

## Shifting the lens on race

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"What exactly is Blackness and what does it mean to be Black? Is Blackness a matter of biology or consciousness? Who determines who is Black and who is not—the state, the society, or the individual? Who is Black, who is not, and who cares?"

In the U.S., historically a Black person has come to be defined as any person with any known Black ancestry. This definition has been... known as the one-drop rule, meaning that one, single solitary drop of Black blood is enough to render a person black...

*(1)ne Drop* seeks to challenge narrow perceptions of Blackness as both an identity and a lived reality... [The book] takes the very literal position that, in order for us to see Blackness differently, we have to see Blackness differently."

-- Excerpted from the Introduction (pg. 4)



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