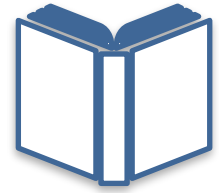


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PCOP Zoom Book Club

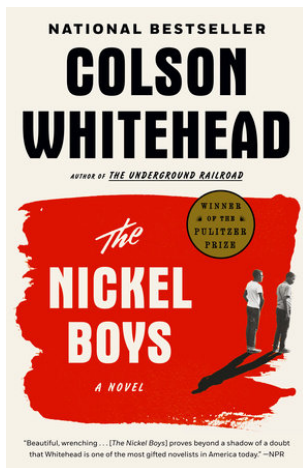


Two Meetings via Zoom:

Saturday, September 26th from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm (*read Prologue - Chapter 9*)

Sunday, October 11th from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm (*read Chapter 10 - Epilogue*)

Discussions will be led by PCOP Members Frank Tisano & Sonja Ware



Colson Whitehead's *The Nickel Boys*

Winner of the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

Winner of the Kirkus Prize

For this Book Club, we have selected Colson Whitehead's newest novel "The Nickel Boys", for which the author won his second Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. By choosing this African American author, we reach toward our responsibility to understand the history of racism in our country and our own minds. While this responsibility is much wider than a single book, we attempt to address our inner racism by discovering our emotional reactions to the characters in the story and their experiences.

When Elwood Curtis, a black boy growing up in 1960s Tallahassee, is unfairly sentenced to a juvenile reformatory called the Nickel Academy, he finds himself trapped in a grotesque chamber of horrors. Elwood's only salvation is his friendship with fellow "delinquent" Turner, which deepens despite Turner's conviction that Elwood is hopelessly naive, that the world is crooked, and that the only way to survive is to scheme and avoid trouble. As life at the Academy becomes ever more perilous, the tension between Elwood's ideals and Turner's skepticism leads to a decision whose repercussions will echo down the decades.

Based on the real story of a reform school that operated for 111 years and warped the lives of thousands of children, *The Nickel Boys* is a devastating, driven narrative that showcases a great American novelist writing at the height of his powers.

*This program is free of charge and open to the community, but
please register at philanalysis.org*

(Zoom meeting information will be attached to registration confirmation email)

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