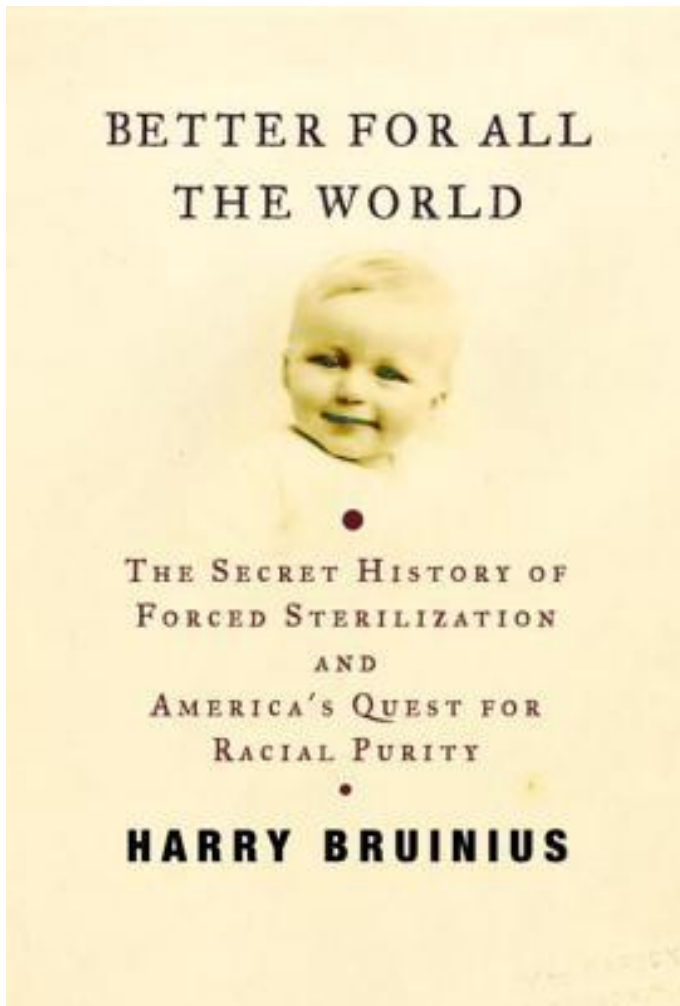

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Description

A timely and gripping history of the controversial eugenics movement in America—and the scientists, social reformers and progressives who supported it. In *Better for All the World*, Harry Bruinius charts the little known history of eugenics in America—a movement that began in the early twentieth century and resulted in the forced sterilization of more than 65,000 people. Bruinius tells the stories of Emma and Carrie Buck, two women trapped in poverty who became the test case in the 1927 supreme court decision allowing forced sterilization for those deemed unfit to procreate. From the reformers who turned local charities into government-run welfare systems promoting social and moral purity, to the influence the American policies had on Nazi Germany's development of "racial hygiene," Bruinius masterfully exposes the players and legislation behind one of America's darkest secrets.

From the Trade Paperback edition.

Insightful reviews

Ashley: a "little" biased but a "big" interesting

J: The full title says it all: The secret history of forced sterilization and America's quest for racial purity. One of the biggest things I learned was that Germany actually modeled its eugenics program after the United States and that many people here were excited to see whether a statewide implementation of the ideas of racial purity would succeed. The story isn't complete without mentioning that some of the biggest players were themselves genetically 'inferior' i.e. epileptic, father of a lesbian, and no father at all.

Andrea: This was a tough book for me to rate/review as it is one of the few books I didn't finish this year. The subject matter is so important and part of American/First World history that is rarely taught, but I found the prose very dry and hard to get through. We get pretty complete bios of a number of the key thinkers and writers working with eugenics, but sometimes that was very confusing at the men sort of got mixed up in my mind and a lot of them worked together at various points. I was also a little disappointed that the history of various forced sterilization laws are presented but I didn't get any sense about when ideas about reproductive rights began being discussed. I read a lot of history but I still found it difficult sometimes to fully understand the time period and context in which these ideas were being discussed as rational and needed. So, very mixed bag and I sort of gave up a chapter into the period where the Nazis were expanding US laws about race preservation. It's got to be a tough read if even Nazis do nothing to get the text moving again.

Elocin: Very attention-grabbing to work out how they idea and categorised the behaviors and personalities of alternative humans, to a "pass"" fail" test. All to help their "thinning of the herd" for selective breeding.

Jennn: I stored thinking, "My God, why did not i do know this? Why wasn't I taught this in

excessive school?" it is a humbling, frightening read. i used to be angered and felt betrayed in a few ways. i used to be taught (and I involved in WW2 in excessive school, learning it for a year) that Nazis have been undesirable and the united states have been heroes - we fought the big, undesirable Nazis and got here out shining (albeit the good Depression). Now I notice what half we performed in growing that monster. i have taken a number of notes from the booklet and may personal it a few day, and there are some distance too many so as to add during this review. My head remains to be reeling from that hard, unexpected slap to my face. i'll hold its weight for a protracted time. I will say that once it DID get to Nazi Germany, it lulled a bit, yet then while interviewing a lady whom was once sterilized as pulled it again up and gave it a human face. Very good. Very sad. Very powerful. Very terrifying. Congratulations, Mr. Bruinius. One hell of a book.

Nicole Green: it is a little overwritten, yet total attention-grabbing and very covers the subject well. there has been a bit an excessive amount of relations history, and he jumped round and occasionally went into aspect approximately those that were not that very important and that i skimmed these parts. However, overall, a delightful learn that provides to my figuring out of the yank eugenics movement.

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