

## Review of

### We Had a Dream

By author Bernard Marin.

*We Had a Dream* by experienced author Bernard Marin is an award winning book.

From page one, the reader enters the world of the Black Civil Rights Movement in The United States of America. We see the events take place through the eyes of witnesses to many of the events that occurred between the years of the late 1950's to the late 1960's.

"I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness," sums up the horrors of man's inhumanity to man during those years. In the Montgomery bus system, there was segregation of whites and blacks on buses. Rosa Parkes, stands out. She refused to give up her seat in the bus to a white person and move. The incident set off protests. "It is the resilience, this unwillingness of ordinary men and women to accept injustice that gives us hope."

This book looks at the Jim Crow laws, the killing of Malcolm X, the killing of Martin Luther King Jr., the part the Kennedy Brothers played in rewriting the law, amongst many other eye witness accounts. The sobering facts after the killing of King, in following protests, are there were 27 000 people were arrested, 3 500 people injured and more than 40 people killed. We in Australia, did not grasp the depth of misery going on in America, although we could have learned from it when we had a small Freedom Ride movement of our own.

Congratulations Bernard on a magnificent, well researched, truthful book.

The title is an obvious reference to the "I had a dream" speech made by Martin Luther King Jr. - so did many others.

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