

Raped Black Male

A Memoir

by Kenneth Rogers Jr.

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Book Review

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Raped Black Male: A Memoir by Kenneth Rogers Jr. was an interesting book. In his memoir, Rogers talks about many different things, such as getting raped at a young age, being homeless, and life in general. When I first chose to read Raped Black Male: A Memoir, I thought I was going to be in for some heavy emotional reading. The first chapter of Rogers' book goes along with the title and is very emotional. This is where he tells how he was raped by a family member. Once you get past that chapter, his stories become a little lighter and at times even funny. Rogers had me laughing out loud at the description of his father's farts. Roger also writes about why he dropped out of college and how he survived being homeless. I was actually surprised he became a teacher after dropping out.

In this book, Rogers also includes some of his short stories which are works of fiction. These are loosely based on things that have occurred in his life. I liked his story "Michael" the best. After reading this book, there is no doubt in my mind that he truly loves his wife. Overall, I thought that Raped Black Male: A Memoir was an interesting book. At times, Rogers bares his heart and other times he lets you peek between the cracks to see what went on in his life and the thoughts in his head. He does have a gift for writing because he kept me interested throughout the whole book.