

## **POLYMATHS IN THE NEWS: TA-NEHISI COATES**

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"Coates is more teacher than preacher, a polymath whose breadth of knowledge on matters ranging from literature to pop culture to French philosophy to the Civil War bleeds through every page of his book, distilled into profound moments of discovery, immensely erudite but never showy." - *Jack Hamilton, Slate.com, July 9, 2015*



According to Jack Hamilton, Ta-Nehisi Coates' latest book, *Between the World and Me*, "is destined to remain on store shelves, bedside tables, and high school and college syllabi long after its author or any of us have left this Earth."

Coates has written for *The Atlantic* for years on a range of subjects, but the subject he's returned to most often has been race and racism in the United States. Both are the subject of his latest book, which takes the form of a letter to his 15-year-old son after the decision in fall 2014 not to file charges against police officer Darren Wilson after the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

Readers can keep up with Coates' blog and essays at [The Atlantic](#) website.

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