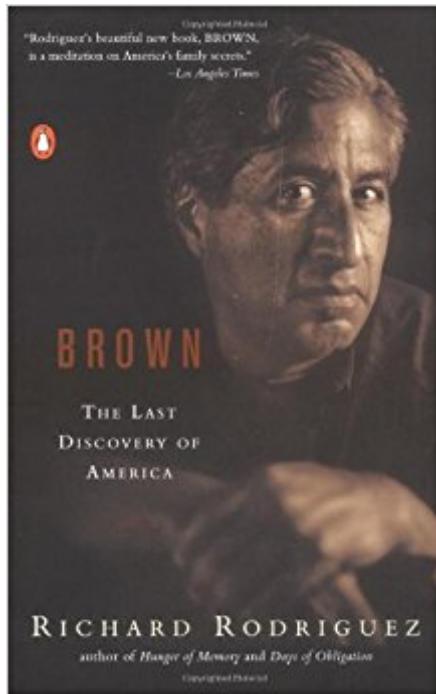


The book was found

# Brown: The Last Discovery Of America



## **Synopsis**

In his dazzling new memoir, Richard Rodriguez reflects on the color brown and the meaning of Hispanics to the life of America today. Rodriguez argues that America has been brown since its inception—since the moment the African and the European met within the Indian eye. But more than simply a book about race, Brown is about America in the broadest sense—“a look at what our country is, full of surprising observations by a writer who is a marvelous stylist as well as a trenchant observer and thinker.

## **Book Information**

Paperback: 256 pages

Publisher: Penguin Books; Reprint edition (March 25, 2003)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0142000795

ISBN-13: 978-0142000793

Product Dimensions: 5 x 0.6 x 7.7 inches

Shipping Weight: 8.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.5 out of 5 stars (See all reviews) (45 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #439,307 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #92 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Ethnic & National > Hispanic & Latino #296 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Specific Demographics > Hispanic American Studies #2788 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Arts & Literature > Authors

## **Customer Reviews**

5 STARS. Mr. Rodriguez is an excellent social essayist of America's many converging streams. I have just finished reading Richard Rodriguez's new book "Brown: The Last Discovery of America" and I am contemplating how long I should wait before beginning it again. Here is a writer worth many readings. His subject and approach invite numerous visits, viewings from varied moods and perspectives. In this (his third book) Mr. Rodriguez's takes as his theme the notion of brown as intermingled, mixed, impure and argues that it is the inevitable conclusion of America. Along the way he gives us his reading (a brown reading?) of Richard Nixon, Alexis de Tocqueville, Ben Franklin, the Latin American migration, the persistence of Puritanism, sexual politics, cubism, Malcolm X, Catholicism, public space, and the American insistence on authenticity against its impulse for the theatrical. Many of these are themes Mr. Rodriguez has covered before. Here he revisits some familiar themes through the lens of brownness, turning them over by a different light, holding

them up to a different horizon. He is a writer of a fugue like repetition, striking humor in one note and discomfort in the next, leaving the reader to follow the argument off the page. He is a writer who does not condescend to his readers with trite resolutions or comforting reassurances. His style is personal and political, contemplative and engaging. He is an excellent stylist of a kind rarely seen on bookshelves today. This is not an easy read. Don't buy this book if you're looking for a quick and fun read. It is a provocative and perplexing tune Mr. Rodriguez carries. He points in directions that he leaves uncharted, exposes personal wounds that he leaves unmended. He invites us into an uncomfortable space of hanging questions.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Lift-the-Tab: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? 50th Anniversary Edition (Brown Bear and Friends) Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? (Brown Bear and Friends) Brown: The Last Discovery of America Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? My First Reader Karen Brown's Pacific Northwest 2010 (Karen Brown's Pacific Northwest: Exceptional Places to Stay & Itineraries) James Brown: A Step-by-Step Breakdown of the Styles and Techniques of James Brown's Bassists (Bass Signature Licks) The Innocence of Father Brown, Volume 2: A Radio Dramatization (Father Brown Series) Linda Brown, You Are Not Alone: The Brown vs. Board of Education Decision Discovery Kids Dinosaurs Rumble Sound Book (Discovery 10 Button) Moo on the Farm (Discovery Kids) (Discovery 10 Button) Roar at the Zoo Sound Book (Discovery Kids) (Discovery 10 Button) The Revolutionary War Discovery Kit (Dover Discovery Kit) Discovery of the Americas, The (Discovery of the Americans) Ultimate Dinosaurs Encyclopedia w/DVD (Discovery Kids) (Discovery Book + DVD) Discovery Channels Dinosaurs & Prehistoric Predators (Discovery Channel Books) Ultimate Sharks Encyclopedia w/DVD (Discovery Kids) (Discovery Book+dvd) Growl with the Animals! (Discovery Kids) (Discovery Kids 10 Button) Twilight's Last Gleaming: How America's Last Days Can Be Your Best Days The Last Voyage of Columbus: Being the Epic Tale of the Great Captain's Fourth Expedition, Including Accounts of Mutiny, Shipwreck, and Discovery

[Dmca](#)