



Color: Essays on Race, Family, and History (Paperback)

By Kenneth A. McClane

University of Notre Dame Press, United States, 2009. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In 1991, acclaimed poet Kenneth A. McClane published *Walls: Essays, 1985-1990*, a volume of essays dealing with life in Harlem, the death of his alcoholic brother, and the complexities of being black and middle-class in America. Now, in *Color: Essays on Race, Family, and History*, McClane contributes further to his self-described autobiographical sojourn with a second collection of interconnected essays. In McClane's words, All concern race, although they, like the human spirit, wildly sweep and yaw. A timely installment in our national narrative, *Color* is a chronicle of the black middle class, a group rarely written about with sensitivity and charity. In evocative, trenchant, and poetic prose, McClane employs the art of the memoirist to explore the political and the personal. He details the poignant narrative of racial progress as witnessed by his family during the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. We learn of his parents difficult upbringing in Boston, where they confronted much racism; of the struggles they and McClane encountered as they became the first blacks to enter previously all-white institutions, including the oldest independent school in the...



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