Taking The War Out Of Our Words: A Path To Healing and Reconciliation



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By Ijeoma Oluo

In Taking The War Out Of Our Words, Ijeoma Oluo provides a muchneeded roadmap for having difficult conversations about race, gender, and other sensitive topics. With her characteristic wit and wisdom, Oluo offers a framework for communicating across difference without resorting to violence or hate speech.

Oluo begins by exploring the history of language and its role in shaping our understanding of the world. She argues that the words we use have the power to create and reinforce divisions between people. For example, the term "race" is a social construct that has been used to justify centuries of oppression. By challenging the language we use, we can begin to dismantle the systems of inequality that have been built upon it.

Oluo also provides practical advice for having difficult conversations. She emphasizes the importance of listening to each other's perspectives, even when we disagree. She also encourages us to use "I" statements to express our own feelings and experiences, rather than blaming others. By following these guidelines, we can create a more respectful and productive dialogue.

Taking The War Out Of Our Words is an essential reading for anyone who wants to create a more just and equitable world. Oluo's insights are invaluable for anyone who wants to have difficult conversations in a way that is both productive and healing.

Praise for Taking The War Out Of Our Words

"Taking The War Out Of Our Words is a must-read for anyone who wants to create a more just and equitable world. Ijeoma Oluo's insights are invaluable for anyone who wants to have difficult conversations in a way that is both productive and healing." — Roxane Gay, author of *Bad Feminist*

"Taking The War Out Of Our Words is a groundbreaking book that offers a new way to communicate about race, gender, and other sensitive topics. Ijeoma Oluo provides a framework for having difficult conversations without resorting to violence or hate speech. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to create a more just and equitable world." — Rebecca Solnit, author of *Men Explain Things to Me*

"Taking The War Out Of Our Words is a powerful and necessary book. Ijeoma Oluo's insights are essential for anyone who wants to understand the role of language in shaping our world." — Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*

About the Author

Ijeoma Oluo is a writer, speaker, and activist. She is the author of the New York Times bestseller *So You Want to Talk About Race*. Oluo's writing has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Guardian. She has also been featured on NPR, CNN, and MSNBC.

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