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hey Bre Faucheux here and today is the day that I probably lose half my

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subscribers i make controversial videos from time to time as you guys know I was

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nervous when i posted my star wars video I was nervous when i posted my

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unpopular opinions video I've never been so nervous as when i'm posting this

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video but it's gotten to the point where i have seen this trend going on so much

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on youtube so much on booktube and so much against authors in general I have

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to say something because some of the most ugly atrocious behavior I have ever

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seen and I realized I might get some hate for this video but i have to say

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something because I've had enough it has got to stop now this particular issue

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has gone completely mainstream and I'm seeing youtubers booktubers and authors

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in particular get attacked on this issue it comes down to this one particular

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word that has been used as a weapon of the absolute worst kind.

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I hate this word. It's one of the worst words in the entire human existence and

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the entire English language I hate it and that word is diversity i'm going to

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give you a few examples to start with and then i'm going to explain where I'm

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coming from so you can understand i hate this current groupthink mentality that

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tells people that diversity is the most beautiful thing in the world and is the only

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acceptable way to be you may hear that and think wow that's really radical

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bre let me explain

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there are different types of diversity we have diversity of race diversity of

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ethnicity diversity of sexuality diversity of morals and diversity of

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viewpoint those are the main diverse realms that were talking about here having a

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widespread diverseness of viewpoint is exactly why fiction

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books exists to begin with

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diversification of viewpoint is a very good thing

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generally the protagonist has one viewpoint and the antagonist has another

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the protagonist have the correct viewpoint and the antagonists generally thinks that

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their viewpoint is what's morally right but we know deep down that it's not so

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this creates a conflict and therefore we have a story so I'm going to cut down

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right to the chase

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now that we know the different types of diversity that there is in existence in

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the world recently when I went on to google i did a little search of YA

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books with all white characters here are some of the headings that I saw [screenshots of headings: Best YA Books with Non-White Protagonists (213 books) - Goodreads; Is This Just Fantasy?: It's a White, White World-And That's Got to Change.;6 Young Adult Protagonists Who Aren't White; 5 Amazing Young Adult Novels Starring Characters of Color; Diversify Your YA: Six Books With Minority Main Characters; I'm Sick Of Reading YA Books About Hot White Kids]

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that alone makes me irritated but it came to a head Sunday night when I was

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lying in bed looking through my favorite fantasy authors list on Twitter and I

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came across a little whew that was happening on Victoria Schwab's Twitter

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feed a particular troll online and I went through this person's feed I do

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consider them to be a troll of the worst kind was pointing the finger Victoria

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Schwab for having nothing but white characters and her book *Vicious* Victoria

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Schwab instantly had to go in the defense because she was accused of

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primarily one thing having all white characters in her novel [Screenshots of Twitter thread]

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you're a brilliant writer *Vicious* is one of my favorite books of 2014 and I will

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gladly defend you on this issue because i don't like what they did you

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I don't care if your book has primarily white cast of characters i

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don't because it was entertaining as hell had a good theme it was

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well-written the theme around the book vicious of moral ambiguity and

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superpowers and the willingness of a character to believe that they're doing

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the right even though they're doing the wrong was completely forgotten because

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someone brought up the fact that there wasn't anyone of color in her book but

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let's just say the truth right now if Victoria Schwab had featured nothing but

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a cast of people of color in her story or had three or four or five characters

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of color and her story we all know what the response would have been [Whoopie Goldberg: Tell me how much

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you know about being black] and let's be honest here this person on Twitter was

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calling the tourists walk basically a racist by mere association of the fact

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that she wrote what she knew and featured a cast primarily of white

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characters regardless of the fact that it was an excellent book with very good

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themes which makes me want to think what's next

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are we gonna ban books of historical value because they have the n-word

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because the association that that might make the author racist because they use

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the n-word in a historical context that was useful for the time period of a

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historical novel i recently came upon a tweet from a booktuber i'm not going to

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say this person's name but this individual pinned tweet at the top of their

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twitter feed from one of their videos that displayed a comment from one of

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their subscribers asking this person a simple question the comment read "i like

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your videos and respect your opinion but why do we have to have diversity in a

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book i don't consider a book bad or to have false because it doesn't have an

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LGBTQ or non-white character to me the history and the way it's written is the

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most important thing" to which this booktuber responded "we had to have

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diversity in books because our world is diverse so not including diverse

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characters means that at its foundation it is not read well or it doesn't have an

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accurate history" this booktuber pinned this comment as a tweet to the top of

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their twitter feed reading above it

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"PSA stop stop doing this

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there is no excuse" as a booktuber and as somebody who have a public image or

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maybe a tiny microscopic bit online to uphold

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I just want to say this do not ever ever shame when your subscribers publicly on

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your Twitter feed on your YouTube channel ever i don't care if they have a

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different viewpoint than you do not ever do that when you do this you are

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attempting to silence free speech by use of public humiliation and this booktuber

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lost my viewership permanently because of it

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by the way if we're going to talk accurate history there are very few

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cultures throughout history that have encouraged diversity it's a very very

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modern concept we could literally sit here all day long and talk about how

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race ethnicity values and moral virtue have never ever been a point of people

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wanting to assimilate with one another

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it's never diversity has never been appraised virtue with in history

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take a look at some examples which we could get into four days Muslim

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aggression against Europeans, the clash of classes in the French Revolution, the

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burning of suspected witches and heretics, the aggression between

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Colonials and Americans, Israel vs. Palestine, the Holocaust, the Islamic

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slave trade which by the way was ten times worse than the American slave

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trade but no one ever asked for reparations for the Muslims, Catholics vs

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Protestants, Nazis burning books, every single culture in existence has resisted

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diversity by means of killing each other

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segregating against one another

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saying that it was immoral to even be around one another and they have always

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done things including killing one another to prevent diversity from

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happening we naturally as a human race are very tribal we tend to desire

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wanting to be around our own race or around our own ethnicity and taking

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comfort and one's own ethnic group or race is not racist

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there have been laws throughout the ages that have been designed to keep

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diversity and people separated almost every single culture throughout the

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centuries have done it

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everyone is guilty of it so to say that to write well means to add diversity in

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and of itself is historically inaccurate this book tuber basically called her

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viewership dumb like her viewership is so dumb and so impression believe that she

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needs to publicly shame them for reading an author who doesn't condense

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themselves into what her viewpoint is of something that's socially acceptable

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I don't give a rat's ass about diversity of race, diversity of this ethnicity, and

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diversity of morals or values, i don't give a flying fuck diversity of race

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ethnicity and values in particular is complete bullshit and it is designed to

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degrade and segregate us all it does is completely destroy the idea of having

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diverse viewpoints and directly pointing out that an author only has a book of a

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white cast of characters is designed to attack them

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it's only ever called upon to destroy one person's particular viewpoint it

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basically means shut up everybody who doesn't share the same perspective as i

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have it serves no other purpose [Interviews with Morgan Freeman] "and you'd said this dr. martin luther king

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is not a black hero all he is an American hero what did you mean by

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that" "well i think a few sort of

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categorize people it tends to dilute their importance" "Black History Month you

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find ridiculous what" "you're going to relegate my history to a month

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oh come on what do you do with yours but which month is white history month

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well I'll come on down there"

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"I'm Jewish" "ok what month is Jewish history month?"

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not

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"yeah you want one" "no no no" "I'll don't either"

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you might as well just get down to bare bones and say what you really really

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mean when you call out an author for having an all-white cast of characters

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we need fewer white people

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martin luther king himself said that we need to judge someone by their character

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and not their skin color it's almost become a cliché to mention it but I

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feel like this message has been completely lost and the pressure that

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others are experiencing these days to include diverse people in their books

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whether it be diverse race ethnicity or sexual orientation is designed to point

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them out in a way as being more morally inferior and it helps to negate themes

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that otherwise would be recognized in a book as being really morally profound can

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my characters not teach my readers a beautiful lesson because maybe i have a

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cast of characters that's mostly white does that completely negate the theme of

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my story simply because maybe i have a cast of characters that are white

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for example one of my favorite books a few years ago was the Fault in Our Stars

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by John Green it explores the wonderful themes of living with terminal illness

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death particularly at such a young age learning how to cope with it the

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grieving process and is a beautiful exploration of children with cancer and

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was one of the most profound books that I've ever read

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is it a lesser story and a lesser theme because most of the characters that

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story happen to have a pigmentation of their

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skin that was white so we called John Green racist and point out the fact

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is morally flawed because he didn't check his white privilege does John

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green need to really examine the inner deed biases he may have because the

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story was mostly white people

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is it a less entertaining or fantastic novel because there weren't more people

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of color or maybe he didn't throw in a gay character in there people who use

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the word diversity or call for more diversity in books are really trying to

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proclaim this sense of undeserved moral superiority

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whilst you know not actually taking to write a novel themselves and maybe make

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the world that they're creating more diverse they actually consider

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themselves to be better people because they're identifying books that primarily

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have a white cast or that have only heterosexual characters could you please

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do your best to try to explain to me how that isn't racist against white people

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because I don't get it

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I've seen lots of tweets lately with people pointing out that a lot of book

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covers don't have a more diverse cross-section of characters i've even seen

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tweets on twitter lately that are calling up for more diverse authors out

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there that seemed to think that the publishing industry is being biased but

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having mostly white authors and existence

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these people have no freaking clue how the publishing industry works a literary

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agent doesn't give a crap what your skin color is the way it works is you write

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your novel you write a query letter to an agent they will read the query letter

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and the query letter alone and decide whether they would think the book is

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worth even reading then you send in the book and decide if they really like it they might have

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a phone call with you and then they'll give you some edits for it you'll fix it

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and whatever way they see appropriate they'll decide whether the book can

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actually make money and sell or not it's a good story and then try

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sell it to publishers I've never in my life heard of an agent that ask someone after

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they sent a query letter what their race was and if anybody asked me what my race

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was upon submitting

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the query letter I would be offended

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let me just say this loud and clear because you know maybe some people in

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the back didn't hear me

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I don't give a fuck what your skin color is I don't care what your sexuality is I

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don't care what your religion is I don't care about my characters having a

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certain pigmentation to their skin having a particular religion having a

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particular ethnicity or having a particular sexuality that is completely

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irrelevant to me and does not serve the purpose of the story and trying to bring

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that up intentionally divides people and then these individuals trying to claim

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that they have the moral high ground you do not have the moral high ground

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all you're doing is virtue signaling you're trying to tell everybody that

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you're so superior because you're taking time to think about whether or not

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there's a minority in a particular story i don't care if you're black gay Jewish

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green purple blue I don't care if you look like mystique

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I don't care I care about what's in here [points to head]

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what are your virtues what do you contribute to this world

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what do my characters contribute to this world i care about the journey of my

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characters and the small insights that they can give to the world through their

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voice to get all technical and scientific on you

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studies have shown for years that what makes a community thrive is not race

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ethnicity or sexuality of any kind or a diversification of all those things

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those that thrive and have a healthy community have one single thing in

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common they share common core values they have like-minded morals when you

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throw a lot of people together with opposing values you get a recipe for

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disaster

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history is proof of this the idea that we need to talk more about race and

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ethnic groups is becoming more and more invalid and irrelevant each and every

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day the birth rate among the white race is massively on the decline my

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grandfather used to say that we need those minority laws because whites will

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one day be the minority we have many cultures throughout the world that not only

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believe that the birth control is wrong but also that it's perfectly okay

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to have multiple wives Osama bin Laden had 20 children among five wives way

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Whitey's can't really compete with that sort of thing will also try to keep

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alive the idea of the nuclear family the purpose of raising children in a good

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and strong household i also had a little personal encounter with this booktuber

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when they brought up a book they wanted to read i had heard a few controversial

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viewpoints about this book and was surprised at this book tuber would want to

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read it i initially liked this booktuber because they had the balls to talk about

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a very popular book having a very abusive relationship and how that's not

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a healthy trend that we're seeing in YA these days or any fiction really or girl

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falls in love with the guy was essentially an emotional abuser

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so I was surprised when this book to wanted to read a book that had those same

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themes this booktuber told me that they wanted to read the book precisely

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for that reason that it was mostly straight white people that told them

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that it was a bad book and the LGBTQ community loves it and that's the

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opinion that they trusted

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first of all you don't know my sexuality just by looking at me or just by a

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comment that I post second how is my opinion on abusive relationships less

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valid because i'm a white woman don't quite understand that you can't condemn

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abusive relationships in one book and then say they're OK in another book

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simply because it's a book about the LGBT community and it has a gay couple

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featured in it that doesn't make it right or wrong that completely makes

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your argument of being against that trope in books irrelevant i was silenced

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presumably about looking at my picture on the little features tab of the

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comment section because i was assumed to be straight and because i was white

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therefore my opinion was not as valid as someone who is heterosexual how is that

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not prejudiced how? sometimes when I go into twitter i see posts between

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pictures of books in bookstores

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with a little label on it that says how to better diversify your bookshelf and

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it'll feature books with people of color on the cover

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what people on the cutter people are various religions on the cover and so on

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and so forth

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basically a way of virtue signaling to everybody about how superior you are

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because you have a bookshelf full of people of various ethnicities quit

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shoving your unearned superiority complex down my throat in my mind you're

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completely anti-intellectual this doesn't judge authors by the content or

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themes that they are creating throughout their book it does nothing but belittle

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authors on their willingness to obey a certain group think mentality simply

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because they don't deign to put fewer white people in their stories or fewer

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straight people in their stories might also point out that the LGBT community

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only accounts for four percent of the population in the united states al you're

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doing is guilt tripping the majority into catering to a minority and then

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having the balls to call it progressive overall diversity of race and ethnicity

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is meaningless diversity of values is actively dangerous diversity of viewpoint

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that's something we need to treasure till the day we die and fight for it at

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all costs yet most people who talk about diversity are the first to try to

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silence other viewpoints because someone has the balls to have an opinion that

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doesn't socially fit into the constructs of what they believe to be morally superior

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or they use some complete virtue signaling phrase like there is no excuse

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the trend of using the word diversity comes down to this one simple truth you

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want fewer white people you want fewer white people represented in stories you're

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so concerned about the representation of minorities and books write your own damn

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book as a self-published author I'll tell you it's not an easy thing to accomplish and

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to belittle my accomplishments because maybe some of my books have a cast of

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primarily

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primarily white characters to me that's about an anti-intellectual as you

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can possibly get it completely nullifies anything else I was trying to achieve

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the story it intentionally segregates and intentionally divides people

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intentionally tries to start conflict if you're really concerned about minority

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groups going volunteer at a group youth center or go make friends in the

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community with an ethnic group that's completely different to your own go

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out them. do that

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be active in your community and get to know people of a different class system

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or of ethnicity or of a different race trying to call out authors for not

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fitting into this little social construct that you consider to be

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superior

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who the hell are you and the most eloquent words of this booktuber who saw

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fit to silence others and myself for holding that different viewpoint and to

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anyone else that seeks to harass authors for the sake of the word diversity there

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is no excuse