

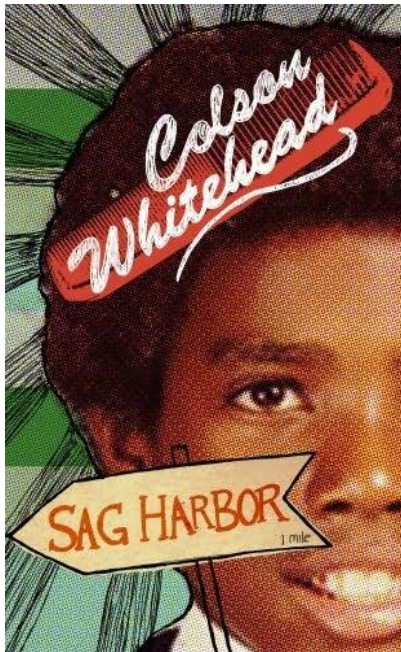


West Hempstead Public Library

Book Chat

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Wednesday
March 9, 2011
1 p.m.

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The 2011
LONG ISLAND READS
Selection:

Sag Harbor

by Colson Whitehead

It's the 1980s and Benji Cooper, son of a lawyer and a doctor, is one of the few black students at an elite prep school in New York City. Every summer, he heads east on the L.I.E. and 'out' to Azurest, an all-black summer community in Sag Harbor where he and his friends are left to their own devices for three glorious months. Whitehead draws from his own childhood and teenage summers to create a portrait of a moment-in-time in a social landscape invisible to many of us, yet strikingly familiar.

From a review on blackpower.com:

Some percentage of "Sag Harbor" is a frequently hilarious, sad and profane chronicle about these uneasy teenage boys, caught between a disapproving older generation, the unforgivable crime of "acting white" and the sudden shift toward criminal hardness in '80s black male culture.

(<http://www.blackpower.com/arts-culture/colson-whiteheads-autobiographical-summer-nostalgia-novel-sag-harbor/>)

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