**BHM 2024 Theme: RESOURCES (Books, Videos, Other)**

**Non-Fiction**

**Desmond Cole,** (born April 9, 1982) is a Canadian journalist, activist, author, and broadcaster who lives in Toronto, Ontario. He was previously a columnist for the Toronto Star and has written for The Walrus, NOW Magazine, Torontoist, The Tyee, Toronto Life, and BuzzFeed.

Cole's activism has received national attention, specifically on the issues of [police carding](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carding_%28police_policy%29), [racial discrimination](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racial_discrimination), and dismantling [systemic racism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Institutional_racism).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Cole#cite_note-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Cole#cite_note-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Cole#cite_note-4)[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Cole#cite_note-5)

Cole was the subject of a 2017 [CBC Television](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CBC_Television) documentary, [*The Skin We're In*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Skin_We%27re_In_%28film%29)[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Cole#cite_note-CbcFirstHandCole-6)[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Cole#cite_note-:1-7) and also hosted a radio show on [Newstalk 1010](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CFRB) from 2015 to 2020.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Cole#cite_note-8)[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Cole#cite_note-9) His first book, *The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power,* was released in January 2020 and became the bestselling Canadian book that year. **(read more):**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Cole#The_Skin_We're_In:_A_Year_of_Black_Resistance_and_Power_(2020)>

In this bracing, revelatory work of award-winning journalism, celebrated writer and activist Desmond Cole punctures the naive assumptions of Canadians who believe we live in a post-racial nation.

Chronicling just one year in the struggle against racism in this country, *The Skin We're In* reveals in stark detail the injustices faced by Black Canadians on a daily basis: the devastating effects of racist policing, the hopelessness produced by an education system that fails Black children, the heartbreak of those separated from their families by discriminatory immigration laws… (read more):

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/536075/the-skin-were-in-by-desmond-cole/9780385686341>