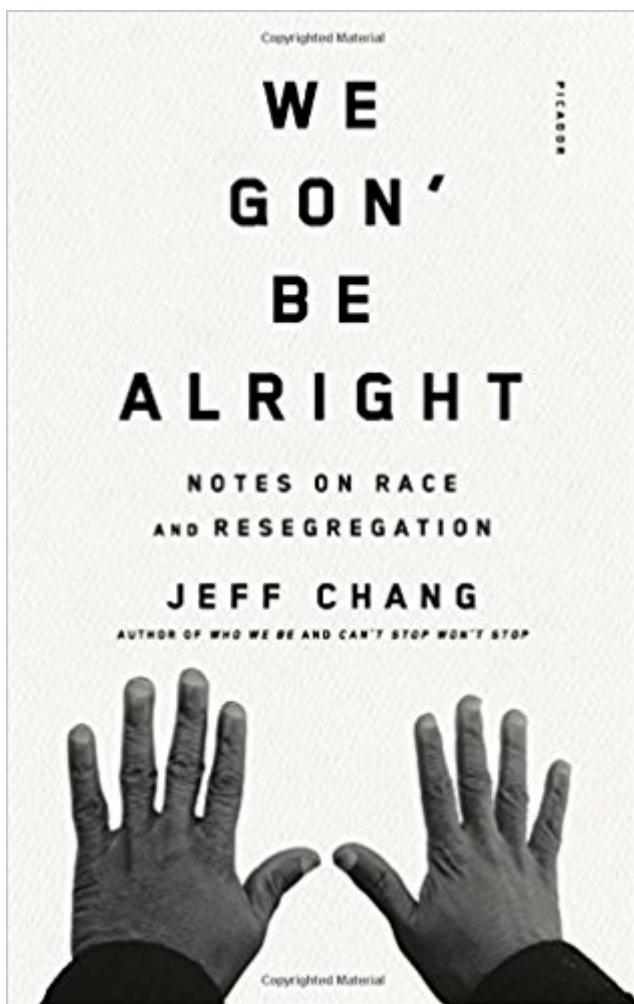


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Great book. I certainly understand the situation in Ferguson a lot better now.

Required for school. Very interesting, glad I was assigned this to read

A great book for throwing in your purse. It’s small and engaging.

Great read. I highly recommend for anyone who want to get #woke. It’s not dense and esoteric like some academic lit on race and resegregation. Chang breaks down the complexities of race and resegregation in a captivating and a critical way.

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