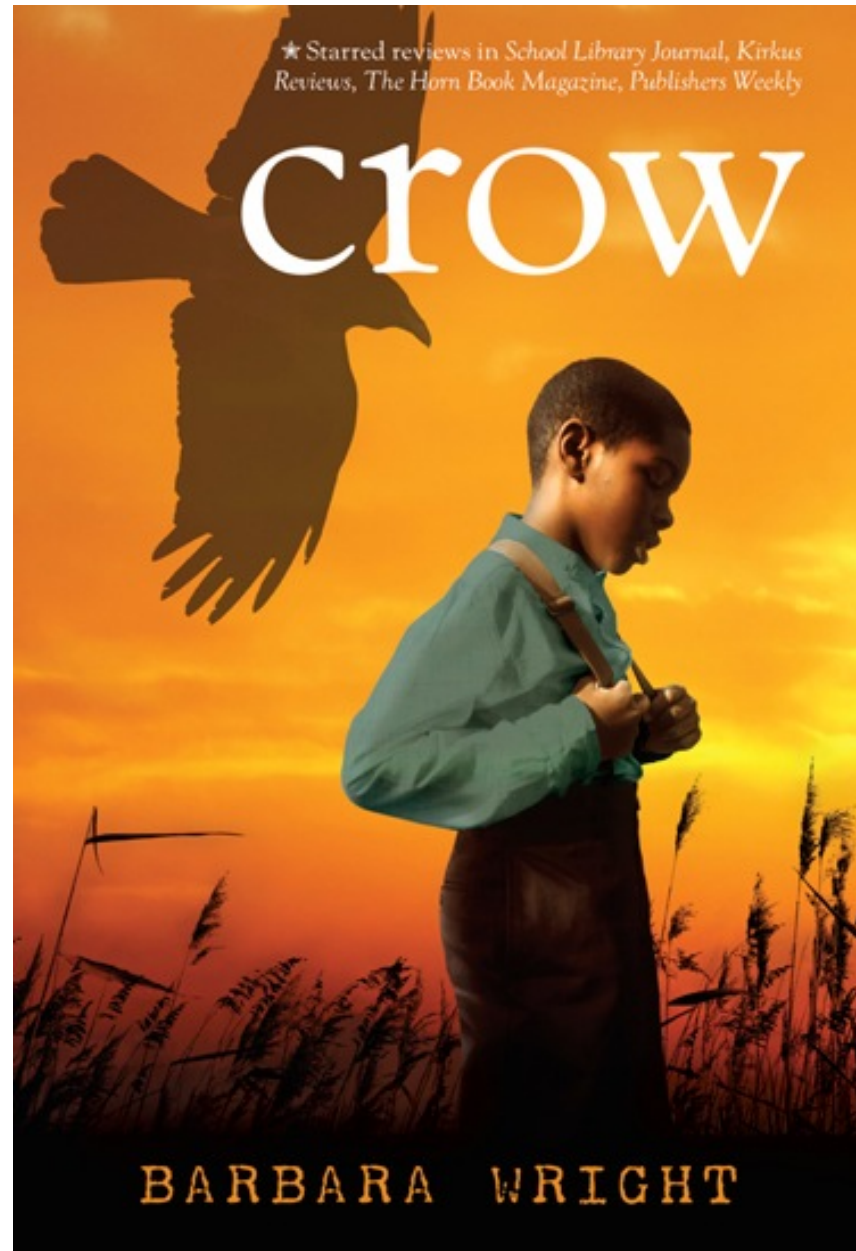


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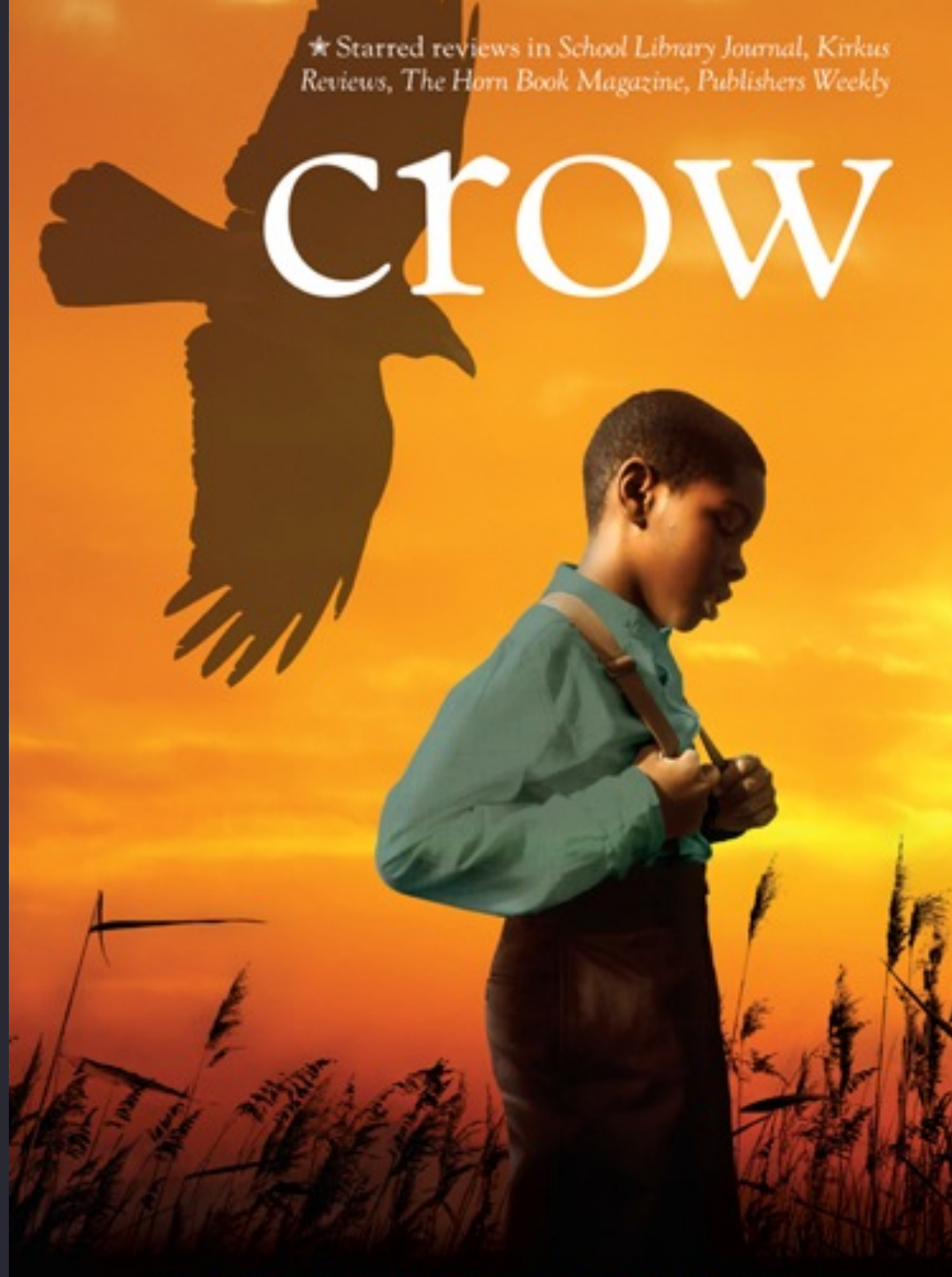
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Jim Crow



- The term “Jim Crow” originated in an 1830s song performed by a white minstrel show actor, “Daddy Rice.”
- In a racist portrayal of African Americans, Rice painted his face black then sang and danced in an exaggerated, stereotypical caricature.
- By the 1900s, the name Jim Crow was used to identify racist laws and expectations in southern America that deprived African Americans and other minorities of their civil rights.
- Jim Crow laws were in effect between 1877 and the mid-1960s (or later) with the predominate purpose of keeping the races separated (segregation) and relegating minorities to second class status.
- Throughout these years, African Americans were forced to use separate restrooms, water fountains, restaurants, waiting rooms, parks and swimming pools, libraries, hospitals, bus seats, cemeteries, and more. Beyond the unfair laws, there was equally oppressive etiquette and behavior expected of African Americans, based on the misconception that Blacks were intellectually and culturally inferior to Whites.

North Carolina & Jim Crow

North Carolina passed 23 Jim Crow laws between 1873 and 1957. Seven of the statutes concerned school segregation, six were related to transportation and four outlawed miscegenation.

- **1873: Miscegenation [Statute]**

Prohibited marriages between whites and Negroes or Indians or persons of Negro or Indian descent to third generation.

- **1875: Education [Constitution]**

White and black children shall be taught in separate public schools, "but there shall be no discrimination made in favor of, or to the prejudice of, either race."

Jim Crow Etiquette

- A Black male could not offer his hand to a White male (to shake hands) because it implied being socially equal. A Black male could not offer his hand to or have any physical contact with a White woman, because he risked being accused of rape.
- Under no circumstance was a Black male to offer to light the cigarette of a White female -- that gesture implied intimacy.
- Blacks were not allowed to show public affection toward one another in public.
- Whites did not use courtesy titles of respect when referring to Blacks (i.e. Mr., Mrs., Sir, or Ma'am). Instead, Blacks were called by their first names. Blacks, however, had to use courtesy titles when referring to Whites and were not allowed to call them by their first names.
- People of different races were prohibited from sitting side by side when traveling (i.e. on buses and trains) and white motorists had the right-of-way at all intersections.
- Blacks were to never: disagree with or challenge a white person; assert or even intimate that a white person lied; curse at or laugh at a white person; comment on the appearance of a white female; or demonstrate superior knowledge or intelligence.


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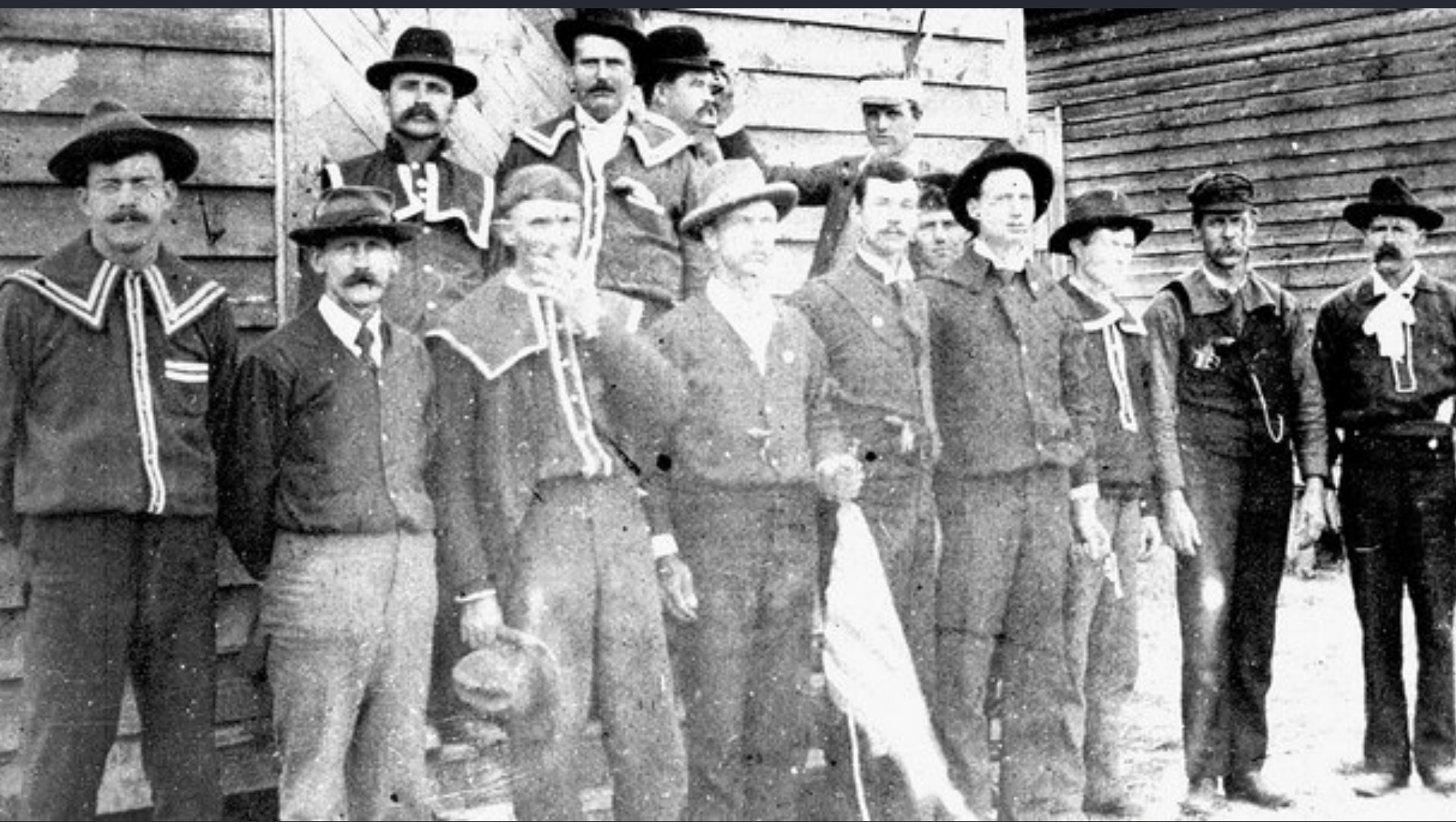
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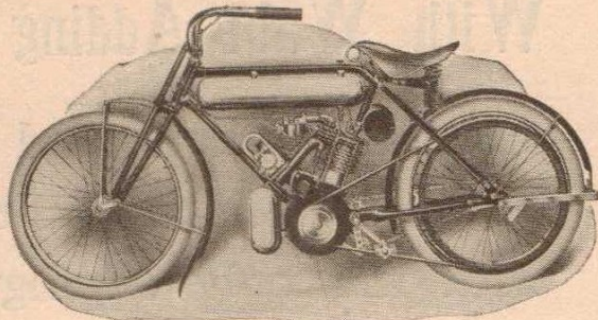




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