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About *White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America* by Nancy Isenberg:

In her *New York Times*–bestselling book *White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America*, Nancy Isenberg explores the role of poor, rural whites—white trash—in US culture and politics.

Throughout its history, America has prided itself on the American Dream, where a person, regardless of class, can be whomever they want. But is social mobility a true ingredient of US society, or is it just American idealism at its best? Isenberg suggests the latter as she traces the history of the country from the first English settlements, through the Civil War, and up to present-day pop culture, examining the origins of the language and attitudes that have defined poor, white Americans for centuries.

As Donald Trump moved in to the White House thanks, in part, to a vocal contingent of poor, white supporters, *White Trash*’s detailed history offers insight to how the new president curried the favor of this large, often overlooked population, and how they might fare under his leadership.

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