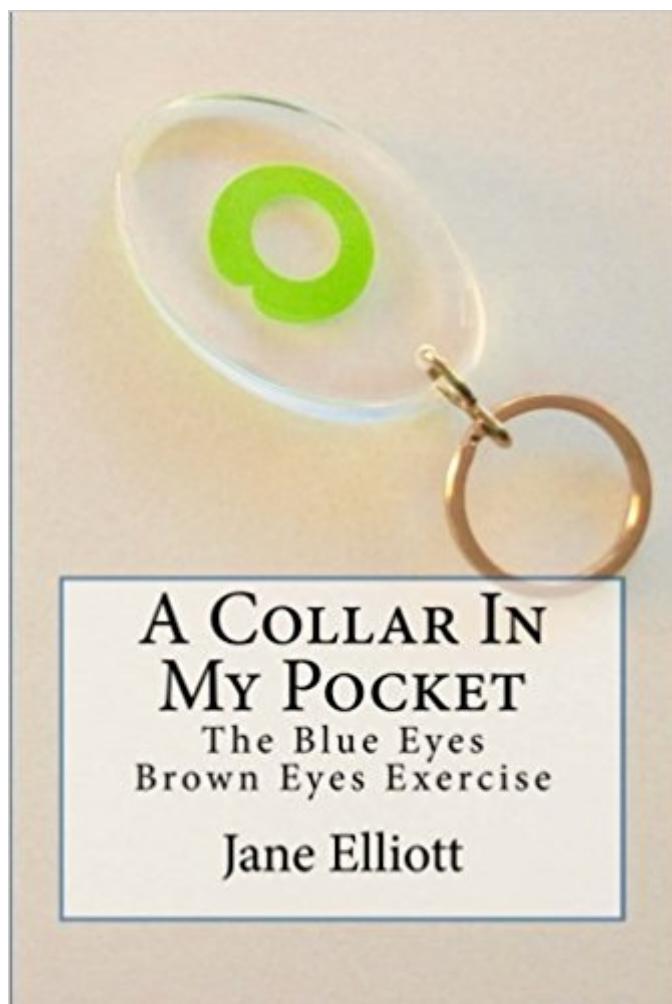


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# A Collar In My Pocket: Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes Exercise



## **Synopsis**

Jane Elliott is an educator who began her career in a third-grade classroom in Riceville, Iowa, and over the past fifty years has become an educator of people of all ages all over the U.S. and abroad. The Blue-eyed, Brown-eyed Exercise which she devised to help her students to understand Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work, has been cited and studied by psychologists and sociologists all over the world. Elliott lives in a remodeled schoolhouse twenty-one miles from where she was born. She remains steadfast in her belief that there is only one race, THE HUMAN RACE, of which we are all members.

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Overall the information is great and should be read by anyone wanting to really see the deeper issues with racism that gets written off because it's uncomfortable to visit. The reason I did not give this book 5 stars is because the book needs editing. Seemed a bit scattered in some parts, and the timeline was a bit hard to follow because this. Extraneous stuff needed to be ousted too (the seafood chapter, for example) recipes were distracting. I honestly don't understand the point Elliott was trying to make with the chapter, titled "Meeting Some Remarkable Muslims." The whole chapter seems a bit like she's bragging that she's embraced a Muslim son-in-law, even though their culture is so patriarchal and she was afraid for her daughter. Seemed to go against what Elliott herself was trying to teach against. My opinion. Overall though, my take away as a biracial woman, this book hit some familiar, personal pain. It also brought to mind the different directions from which I experienced racism, and the odd experience of horizontal racism that both experienced and was practiced in my own home (especially her comment when questioned about her own blue eyes

[paraphrased]: "I'm married to a brown eye, so that makes me a brown eye") goes on in non-white cultures stemming from the embedded belief in American and Western cultures that the pinnacle of human value lies in being white, heterosexual, and male. The problem overall is that we cannot seem to get past the color of skin, nor can our society get past the idea that it's not about being color-blind. We must as a species unlearn the hierarchy of color as human value and embrace and practice the concept of human value based on the fact that we are all human beings and should be treated with equal dignity and respect as well as practice this treatment toward others. Basic teaching of Jesus and Buddha...love one another unconditionally.

Great

This book was an excellent read! A must have for all.

Mrs. Elliott has dealt with discrimination better than anyone. The fact that she's an older White woman makes me respect her even more. Her BE/BE test is the closest thing to discrimination against minorities, women, gays and the elderly that I've ever seen. Does her test change peoples lives? I'd like to think it has changed some. As a Black man, she's made me look at some things differently. Mainly that you can't walk around saying "you don't see color", that's no realistic. Just as you see height, weight and other different characteristics, color is a difference in people. The issue is discriminating because of the color. Lastly, she says something that I've said for most of my life, "there's only one race, the HUMAN race". Thanks Mrs. Elliot

Anyone desiring to increase their education on social and educational racist indoctrination would do well to read this book. Mrs. Elliott has devoted her life to teaching the masses on racism and how it is delivered to us in our school curriculum. For whites, this may be a hard to swallow, eye-opening lesson, in how whites have benefitted from the White Supremacy, institutional racism that has created the Black Lives Matter movement of today. This book is phenomenal! Highly suggested reading, from a woman who has taken on the entire governmental racist indoctrination practices and dispells them in this book. If you are on the fence about getting this book, I suggest you look up Mrs. Jane Elliott on FACEBOOK and view the many YouTube Videos regarding her interviews with Oprah and her experiment called Brown-Eyed, Blue-Eyed. This living legend is a treasure still available to deliver her wisdom, and I am grateful!

Ms. Elliott's life's work after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King has been and will continue to be the voice of reason to all who choose to listen. She has a candid ability to crack open embedded cultural norms. A way of life that has plagued this nation for over 200 years. *A Collar In My Pocket*, will shine light into the creavisis of racial bias and shift your personal paradigm.

This is the most educational yet entertaining book I've read in my entire life. I'm a black American and this book and the exercise's that Mrs. Elliot puts non-minorities through is very good. I wish they would put this in all school systems. People who claim who want to help stop discrimination but who have little understanding or experience, yes I'm talking about the blue eyes in this world aka non-minorities in America, need to understand what it is exactly they are fighting against. I mean how can you wage war against something you don't understand. It's like entering the battle field blindfolded and with cleaning utensils instead of swords and shields. But this is also a cure for people who don't give a crap about racism and discrimination. If you're a blue eye you are very likely to see this book as another reason why racism is wrong but if that's the case then you have missed the purpose of this book. The purpose is education. Education is the cure for ignorance. This is also a good book for brown eyes out there. This book reminds us that we're no better than the next human being and despite how society views us we should treat everyone with respect and kindness. In other words, proving society wrong is not hard when you do the right thing.

Jane Elliot is truly a pioneer. Her dedication to her beliefs for so many years has taught so many. She has managed to communicate, through exercise, some of the prejudice thoughts/treatments that are still far to common in our society. I'll never forget the first time that I saw BEBE. It was one of those stellar moments in my life where I felt so blessed to have been exposed to such a wonderful educator.

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