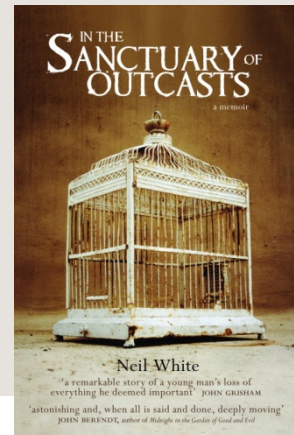


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Author	Neil White
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Description

Neil White was once was a man who lived by appearances – he owned expensive cars and a big house and worked at glossy magazines. When his bank balance couldn't keep up with his lifestyle, he started kiting – illegally depositing and drawing cheques between his two accounts. He got caught and was sent to prison. But not to just any prison – he was taken to a place where appearances meant absolutely nothing: one of the last leprosy colonies in the world.

The experience transformed him completely: the man who lived to impress became a man who could look beyond the surface of things in order to tap into the deeper, more important issues that run our lives: friendship, compassion, self-respect. Along the way he met some incredibly strong, resilient and inspiring people, all of whom have their own poignant, painful, funny stories. His memoir chronicles a community that's now nearly disappeared, but still resonates.

A journey which combines a slice of history with self-discovery, *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts* is both beautifully written and utterly compelling.

Sales Points

Praise for *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts*:

- 'a remarkable story of a young man's loss of everything he deemed important, his imprisonment in a place that would terrify anyone, and his ultimate discovery that redemption can be taught by society's most dreaded outcasts.' – John Grisham
- 'Neil White in his luminous memoir explicates his own path to redemption. His story is unique and deeply felt.' – Darcey Steinke, author of *Easter Everywhere* and *Milk*
- 'White wastes no time getting to the hurt, and once he takes you there, you'll be riveted. A searing tale of trouble, it's also about finding a time and a place in which to lay the groundwork for a new life. A fine memoir and one I highly recommend.' – Steve Yarbrough
- 'An earnest chronicle written with equal parts enlightenment and atonement' – *Kirkus Review*
- 'White provides sharply observed, first-rate reportage, full of eye-opening details which are, in turn, incisively unexpected and heartbreakingly sad' – *Independent Weekly*
- Neil White will be a guest at Perth Writers' Festival in February 2010

Author Profile

Neil White has been a journalist, magazine publisher, advertising executive and federal prisoner. He lives in the USA in Oxford, Mississippi.