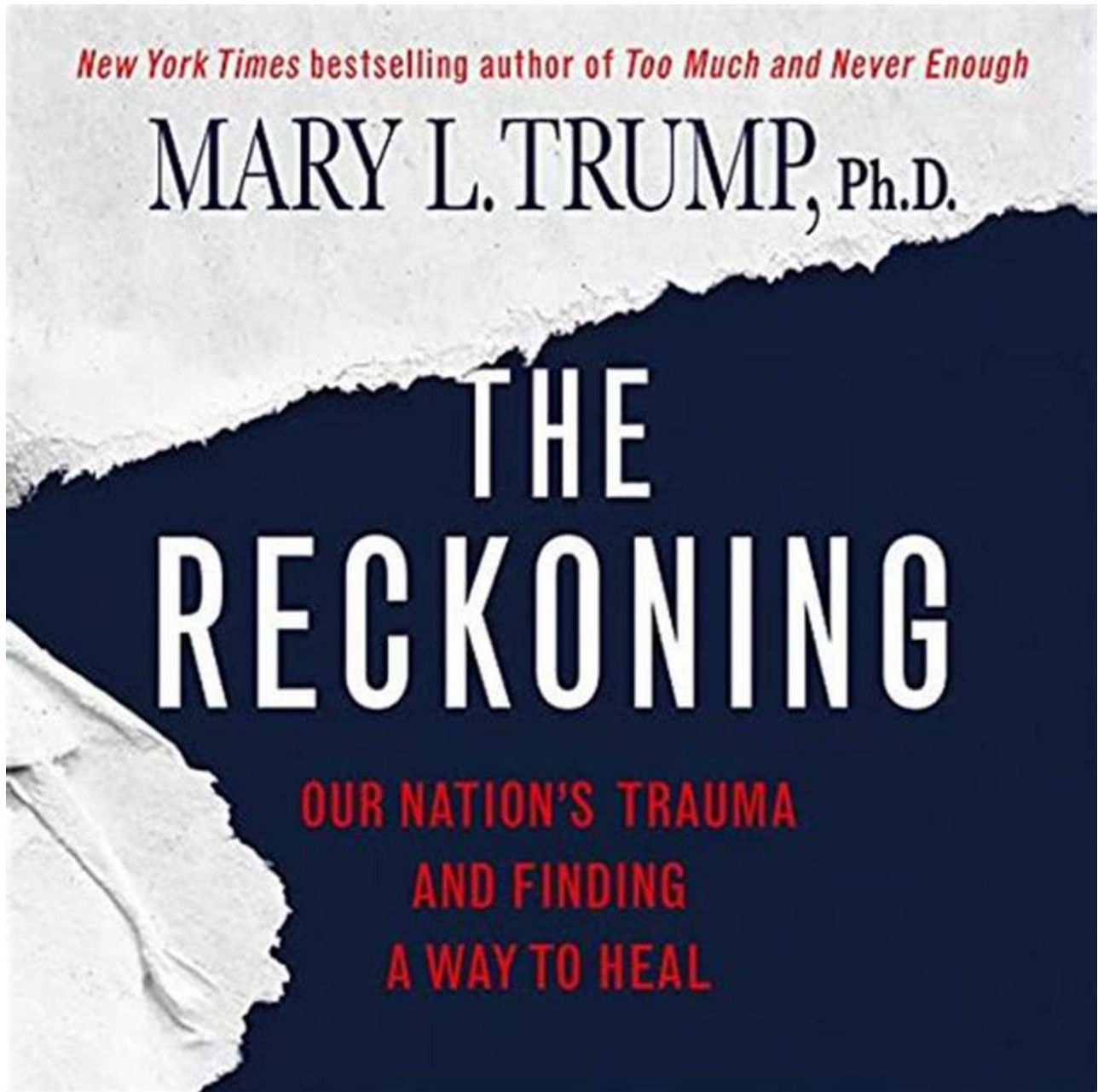


# Our Nation's Trauma And Finding a Way To Heal

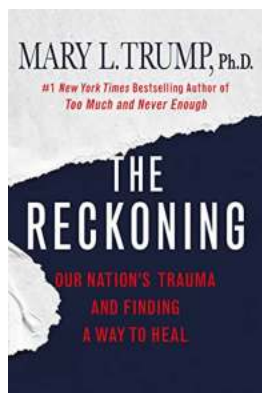


The history of our nation is filled with countless moments of triumph and progress, but it is also marred by deeply rooted trauma that continues to impact us to this day. From the struggles for civil rights to devastating wars, economic crises, and the ongoing challenges of inequality, our nation has been through a

lot. Healing our collective wounds and finding a way forward is crucial to creating a brighter future for all.

## The Deep Wounds of the Past

The scars of our nation's traumatic past run deep and touch every aspect of our society. From the genocide of Native American communities to the horrors of slavery and systemic racism, we cannot ignore the pain that has been inflicted upon so many. The wounds of the past have festered for too long, and it is time to confront them head-on. Facing the truth about our history is essential for healing and reconciliation.



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Our nation's trauma is not limited to specific incidents but also extends to ongoing systemic issues. The struggle for gender equality, the fight against discrimination faced by marginalized communities, and the challenges of mental health and addiction are all part of the fabric of our nation's trauma. It is in understanding and addressing these various layers of pain that we can begin to pave the way for healing.

## **Recognizing the Need for Healing**

Healing and moving forward require recognition and acknowledgment of the pain that has been inflicted. It is essential for individuals, communities, and our nation as a whole to face the truth and take responsibility for the dark chapters in our history. Only then can we begin to rebuild a more just and equitable society.

The need for healing is not merely a matter of overcoming past traumas, but also about ensuring a better future. Unresolved trauma festers and has far-reaching consequences, affecting the mental and physical well-being of individuals, families, and communities. By addressing our nation's trauma, we pave the way for personal and collective growth, resilience, and progress.

## **The Path to Healing**

Healing our nation's trauma requires a multi-faceted approach that encompasses both individual and systemic change. Here are some key steps that can guide us towards a brighter future:

### **1. Education and Awareness**

Education is a powerful tool for change. By acknowledging and teaching the true history of our nation, we can foster empathy, understanding, and a desire to address the underlying issues. Curriculum reform and the inclusion of diverse perspectives are vital in creating a more inclusive society.

### **2. Promoting Dialogue and Listening**

Open and honest dialogue is essential for healing. Creating safe spaces for conversations about trauma, inequality, and discrimination allows individuals to share their experiences and perspectives. Listening to marginalized voices and learning from their stories is crucial for growth and understanding.

### **3. Policy Reform and Restorative Justice**

Addressing systemic issues requires policy reform. Implementing restorative justice practices can help break the cycle of trauma by focusing on rehabilitation, reconciliation, and rebuilding communities. Fair and equitable laws and policies ensure a more just society for all.

### **4. Access to Mental Health and Support Services**

Recognizing and addressing the mental health consequences of trauma is essential. Increasing access to mental health services and support programs can help individuals and communities heal and thrive. Mental health should be a priority in both healthcare and social policies.

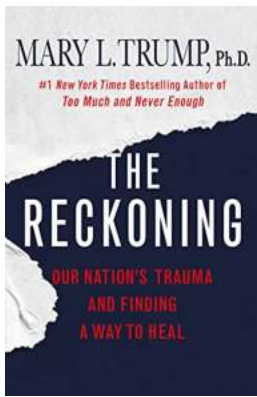
### **5. Building Strong and Resilient Communities**

Healing occurs at the community level. By fostering inclusivity, collaboration, and support, we can create spaces where individuals can find solace, connect with others, and work towards common goals. Strong communities are the backbone of a healed and united nation.

### **A Brighter Future Ahead**

Healing our nation's trauma is a challenging and ongoing process, but it is essential for building a brighter future. By facing our past, listening to each other, and working together, we can overcome the deep wounds that divide us and find a path towards unity, justice, and equality.

It is our collective responsibility to heal and be a part of the solution. Let us embrace this journey of healing, for ourselves and for the generations that will follow. Together, we can create a nation that is healed and offers hope for all.



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America is suffering from PTSD—The Reckoning diagnoses its core causes and helps us begin the healing process.

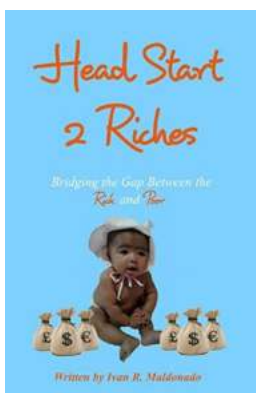
For four years, Donald J. Trump inflicted an onslaught of overlapping and interconnected traumas upon the American people, targeting anyone he perceived as being an “other” or an enemy. Women were discounted and derided, the sick were dismissed as weak and unworthy of help, immigrants and minorities were demonized and discriminated against, and money was elevated above all else. In short, he transformed our country into a macro version of his malignantly dysfunctional family.

How can we make sense of the degree to which our institutions and leaders have let us down? How can we negotiate a world in which all sense of safety and justice seems to have been destroyed? How can we—as individuals and as a nation—confront, process, and overcome this loss of trust and the ways we have

been forever altered by chaos, division, and cruelty? And when the dust finally settles, how can we begin to heal, in the midst of ongoing health and economic crises and the greatest political divide since the Civil War?

Mary L. Trump is uniquely positioned to answer these difficult questions. She holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology specializing in trauma, has herself been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, and happens to be Donald J. Trump's only niece. In *The Reckoning*, she applies her unique expertise to the task of helping us confront an all-encompassing trauma, one that has taken an immense toll on our nation's health and well-being.

A new leader alone cannot fix us. Donald J. Trump is only the latest symptom of a disease that has existed within the body politic since America's inception—from the original sin of slavery through our unceasing, organized commitment to inequality. Our failure to acknowledge this, let alone root it out, has allowed it to metastasize. Now, we are confronted with the limits of our own agency on a daily basis. Whether it manifests itself in rising levels of rage and hatred, or hopelessness and apathy, the unspeakable stress of living in a country we no longer recognize has affected all of us for a long time, in ways we may not fully understand. An enormous amount of healing must be done to rebuild our lives, our faith in leadership, and our hope for this nation. It starts with *The Reckoning*.



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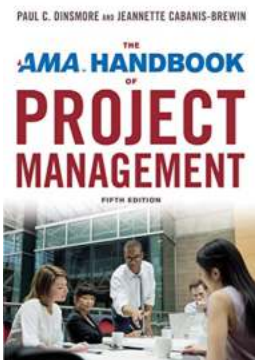
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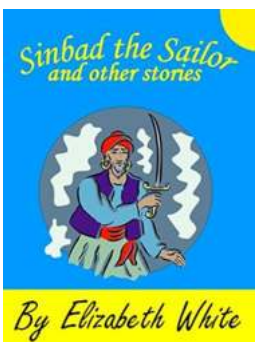
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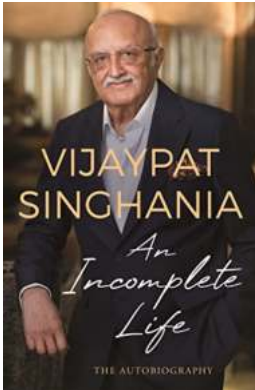
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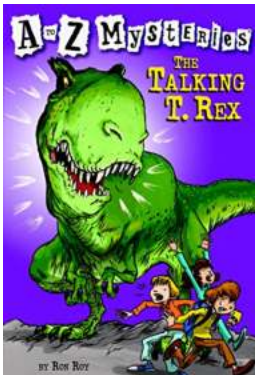
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