

Finding the North Star Podcast

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Abstract:

Inspired by the star that was a symbol of freedom for slaves, it revolves around the exploration of my African American identity. While on that journey, I speak on topics from a historical and contemporary point of view in a serious, yet lighthearted way. Over the first eight episodes, the focus is on Americentric topics, ranging from the Black Lives Matter movement and armchair activism to colorism and the history of Black Wall Street.

The script for each episode was written after hours of rigorous research and exploration of various academic and popular sources. A challenge was making the material comprehensible, humorous, and of appropriate length for the average non-academic audience. While the research and production of the podcast was an emotional rollercoaster at times, this history needs to be shared. Through this podcast, I hope to encourage people to critically think about Black affairs and also find contentment with my African American identity.

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