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Cordova Bay Elementary Book Club

*The Skin We're In: a Year of Black Resistance*, by Desmond Cole

Following the Black Lives Matter movement, and in light of our commitment to becoming culturally proficient educators and members of society, we chose to dive into the book *The Skin We're In, a Year of Black Resistance and Power*, by Desmond Cole.

Desmond Cole is a Canadian journalist and activist. The book documents the struggle against racism within the year 2017 in Canada. Cole speaks to instances of oppression and racism in relation to policing, education, and the social justice system, among others.

As a group we chose to meet once a month via Teams. Finding a time that worked for everyone outside of school hours was challenging. We also used a padlet (an online forum for facilitating conversation) to share our ideas as we read.

We had some great discussions around social justice issues, racism, our own experiences dealing with these issues, what we can do as educators to support society's movement towards social equity and justice, as well as other related current events. We believe that it's necessary to have safe and challenging spaces to have these conversations frequently in order to grow as individuals and a society.