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Editorial Review

Review

Praise for Kiese Laymon and his debut novel *LONG DIVISION*:

"[*How to Slowly Kill Yourself and Others in America*] is not intended to serve as "a woe-is-we narrative" about the difficulties of being black in America or the South...or even an attempt to illuminate the taboo-amongst-black-folk subject of mental health—although both serve as narrative threads in Laymon's writing. Rather, it's an exercise in recalling memories." —**Jackson Free Press**

"Funny, astute and searching.... The author's satirical instincts are excellent. He is also intimately attuned to the confusion of young black Americans who live under the shadow of a history that they only gropingly understand and must try to fill in for themselves." —**Sam Sacks, Wall Street Journal**

"Don't miss Kiese Laymon's *Long Division*. One Mississippi town with two engaging stories in two very different decades. The sharp humor and deep humanity make this debut novel unforgettable." —**Melissa Harris-Perry, MSNBC**

"A novel within a novel—hilarious, moving and occasionally dizzying.... Laymon cleverly interweaves his narrative threads and connects characters in surprising and seemingly impossible ways. Laymon moves us dazzlingly (and sometimes bewilderingly) from 1964 to 1985 to 2013 and incorporates themes of prejudice, confusion and love rooted in an emphatically post-Katrina world." —**Kirkus Reviews**

"Laymon's debut novel is an ambitious mix of contemporary southern gothic with Murakamiesque magical realism.... the book elegantly showcases Laymon's command of voice and storytelling skill in a tale that is at once dreamlike and concrete, personal and political." —**Booklist**

"Smart, exciting and energetic...the language romps and roars along through some truly wonderful comic scenes and yet the book doesn't hesitate to comment seriously on questions that matter to human beings everywhere, not just in rural Mississippi." —**Victor LaValle, author of *Big Machine* and *Slapboxing with Jesus***

"Laymon is a brilliant young writer...this is a book that sings in the heart but challenges readers to take careful consideration of the power of memory. Like the best of Hurston, Ellison, or Bambara, Laymon's craft flows on frequencies that both honor and extend the traditions those writers established." —**William Henry Lewis, author of *I Got Somebody in Staunton***

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"Kiese Laymon is an amazing, courageous and brave novelist and essayist.... Laymon fiercely tackles issues

of prejudice, adolescence and love with a swagger and confidence all his own. You rarely find novels this honest and engaging. Read this book." —*Michigan Quarterly Review*

"Laymon's voice is unique, a rarity in an era during which fiction tends all too often to chase trends.... At times touching, at times poignant, Laymon more than once strikes a beautiful chord in the midst of what often feels gritty and intentionally provocative. Those touching insights make *Long Division* worth the effort, and readers who stick with the story (stories, actually) will find themselves thinking about City and the people in his life long after they close the book." —*Chicago Book Review*

"A curious, enjoyable novel...take[s] relish in skewering the disingenuous masquerade of institutional racism..." —*Publishers Weekly*

"The racial/ethical awareness is as complex as Coetzee's, and Laymon is just as good a writer. Laymon takes some real risks. I love the interplay of spirituality and sexuality. Nothing sounds forced, pandering or trendy. City, the husky citizen of the imagination, feels totally singular and totally representative. That's tough to pull off." —**Tim Strode, author of *Ethics of Exile***

About the Author

Kiese Laymon was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi. He attended Millsaps College and Jackson State University before graduating from Oberlin College in 1998. He earned an MFA from Indiana University in 2003 and is now an associate professor at Vassar College.

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