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Most people hear the word skinhead and think “neo-Nazi.” But the subculture began as an offshoot of the British Mod youth culture. In this unique history of the skinhead scene, librarian Travis and active skinhead Hardy give an insider’s look at what they consider “a haven for those disaffected from society, rather than a subculture of hatred or violence.” The focus here is much more on the pop-culture scene surrounding skinheads. Short chapters cover such topics as “Becoming a Skinhead,” “Skinhead Fashion,” and “Race and Nation: The Politicization of American Skinheads.” Too brief and slightly too biased to be a definitive resource, this should still be of interest to readers looking for information on this often polarizing subculture. --Rebecca Vnuk

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"Travis and Hardy's well-researched overview of American skinhead subculture begins with its emergence in the punk rock scene of the early 1980s and traces its evolution through a period of politicization through the nuanced history of the movement. Skinhead subculture began without a racist element; Hardy himself is an avowed nonracist skinhead and a member of a skinhead punk band, the Templars. An invaluable insider perspective." - **Library Journal Online**

"Despite the book's slim size, it offers a well-rounded overview of the topic. This volume is ideal for undergraduates and high school students. Summing Up: Recommended." - **Choice**

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