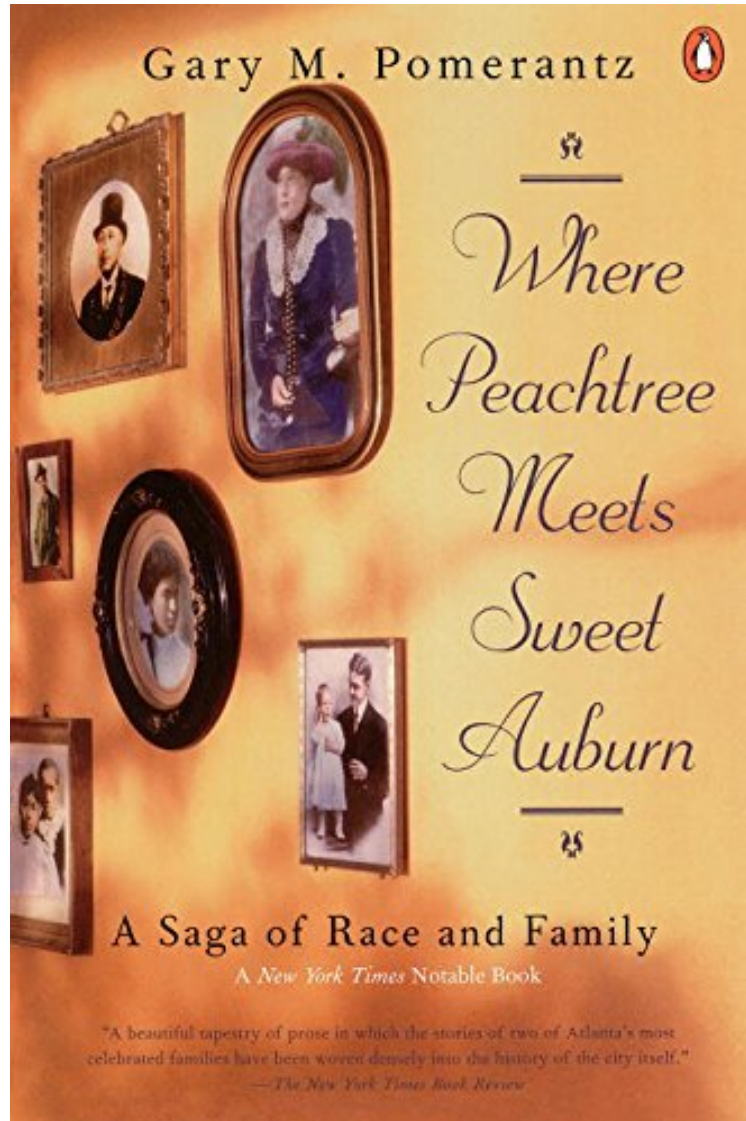


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"A fascinating tale of two cities told through the rise of two of Atlanta's most illustrious political families...highly significant in what it reveals about ambition, hard work, success, and race relations."David Levering Lewis.

.com In Atlanta, a city hyped during the 1996 Olympics as the South's most progressive city, Peachtree Street is the main commercial avenue of white business power; Auburn Street, known as Sweet Auburn, is the old center of the city's black community. Their intersection is rather insignificant, a fact mirrored in the racial segregation that has always characterized Atlantan society. Pomerantz has traced the history of the city, and the development of race relations from the city's founding to the present day, through the experiences of two emblematic and influential families: that of Ivan Allen Jr., a white mayor in the 60's; and that of Maynard H. Jackson, the city's first black mayor. The result is a vividly humanized and objective history.From Publishers WeeklyThis compelling account of the rise of Atlanta from the devastation of the Civil War to its present role as host of the 1996 Olympics is told through a generational biography of two families—one black and one white. Displaying his excellent research skills, Pomerantz, a journalist with the Atlanta Constitution, recounts the story of Ivan Allen Sr., son of a Confederate cavalryman, who came to the city in 1897 to accumulate wealth. Contrasted with the Allens are the Dobbses, whose Atlanta residency began with John Wesley Dobbs, son of a Georgia freedman, who arrived in 1895 seeking an education. Coexisting in a segregated society, both men raised families and became civil leaders. Dobbs taught his children that they were the equals of whites, and his grandson, Maynard Jackson Jr., was elected Atlanta's first black mayor in 1973. Ivan Allen Jr. recast himself as a Southern liberal and served as Atlanta's mayor from 1962 to 1969. Through rich details and vibrant characterizations, the author delivers a comprehensive overview of the struggle for civil rights in a major Southern city. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalBy the time the Olympic Games begin this summer in Atlanta, Peachtree Street will be as widely recognized as New York City's Broadway. Yet where Peachtree meets Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, two worlds collide—one white and one black. In a thoroughly enjoyable and well-written book, Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Pomerantz relates Atlanta's history, focusing on two families and two mayors—one white and one black. Ivan Allen Jr. served as mayor during the turbulent decade of the 1960s—a period marked by racial discord. Maynard Jackson Jr. began the first of his two stints in office in 1973; the affirmative action programs instituted under his leadership paralleled much of Atlanta's growth. Pomerantz uses the lives of the two families (Allen and Dobbs, nee Jackson) to chronicle Atlanta's early growth and later development into the Olympic city, along with a host of others whose contributions shaped Atlanta's history. Readable, humorous, and moving, this book is one of the year's best and belongs in all libraries. Highly recommended.?Boyd Childress, Auburn Univ. Lib., Ala.Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.