

International Literature Project Series

Preparing Social Work Students to Practice in An Interconnected World

RACISM, CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

FICTION FROM RUSSIA: [Pears from Gudauty](#)

A Russian Jewish child buying pears at a farm with her mother overhears the mistress making derogatory comments about every ethnicity in the area.

by Ludmila Ulitskaya

SOURCE: Words Without Borders Campus (wwb-campus.org)

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SOCIAL WORK TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES

'It Has Stuck with Me 35 Years': 11 Childhood Memories of Blackface and Other Racist Incidents

The New York Times

This article voices real life examples from *New York Times* readers who reflect on racism they participated in or observed as a child, and how they now feel about these incidents as adults.

My family's slave

The Atlantic

This is the story of Eudocia Pulido, nicknamed "Lola," who experienced modern day slavery at the hands of Alex Tizon's family. Alex attempts to come to terms with the moral consequences of his family's actions and redeem himself by illuminating Lola's experiences as a modern-day slave. This heartfelt and gripping essay won a National Magazine Award.

Childhood memory of racial discrimination

Next Avenue

This African American family struggled in the 1970's to overcome the obstacles and barriers posed by racial discrimination in the rental housing market. The piece highlights how these issues still plague African American and other marginalized groups in the U.S. today. The rental sign-up process continues

to be fraught with unfairness, subtle racism, and unexpected difficulties. Furthermore, even after moving in, discrimination from other residents compounds the negativity from the initial move-in experience and makes everyday life uncomfortable.