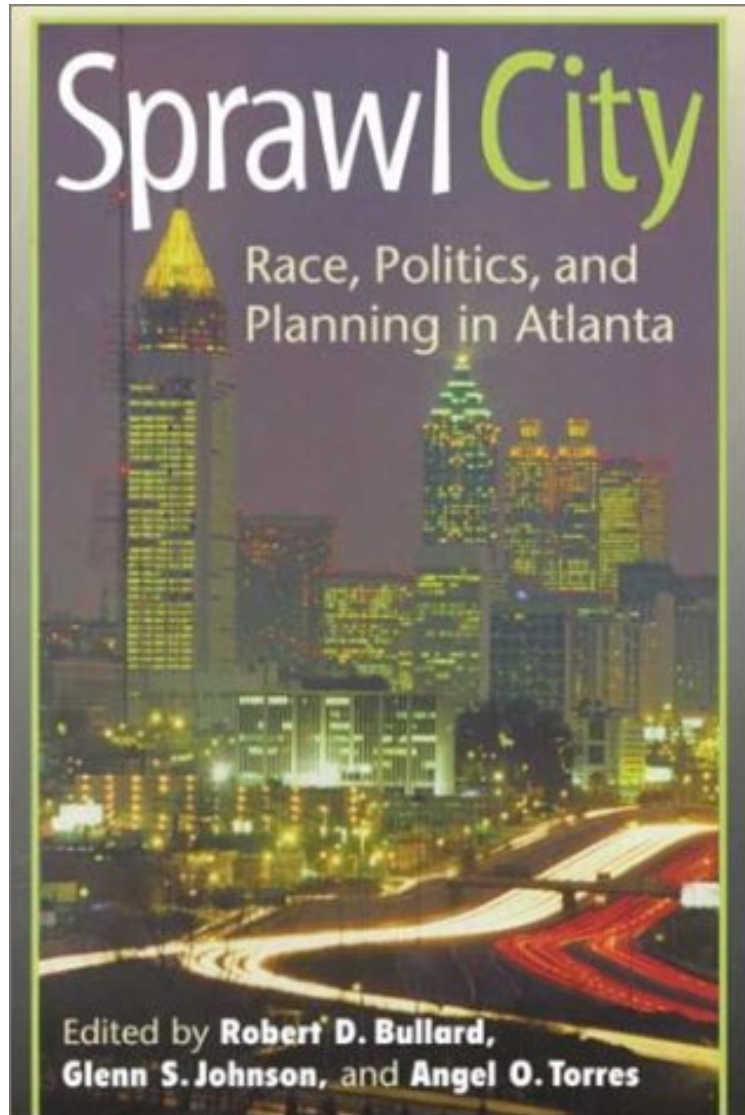


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8 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Most informative research on Atlanta in decades By A Customer This book tells the "story" of environmental racism that has and is being perpetuated not only in Atlanta, but in all major cities across America. The magnificent work of the Environmental Justice Center has another, and wider platform to reach the masses. The chapter on public transportation is a defining piece of work. Mr. Torres' use of GIS technology to analyze the issues has taken the tool to new heights. Every school of planning should have this book

read by their undergraduate and graduate classes. This is what's missing!!4 of 20 people found the following review helpful. A load of leftist crap with no real scholarship to back it upBy Another consumerThis book is a left-of-center read which only needs one simple rebuttal: the Atlanta metropolitan area and surrounding suburbs growth are directly correlated with an innate desire by white people to live as far away from Black people as possible. When whites abandon one suburb for another, the character of that suburb falls upon the new majority population. The same truth is for a county as well. Clayton County GA, for example, went from 90 percent white in 1980 to almost 90 percent Black in 2012. Where a thriving community with top schools once existed, you now have in Clayton County the lowest property values in all of Georgia and the worst school system. Mute testimony to what happens when the productive members of a community say 'enough' and move, leaving those who cause the problems and are not able to make a city run on their own are placed in the position of being responsible for their own destiny. The Black Undertow folks. It's real. Damn real. Dressing it up as some sort of treatise on 'environmental racism' is covering up the real truth. Don't bother with this turkey.

A serious but often overlooked impact of the random, unplanned growth commonly known as sprawl is its effect on economic and racial polarization. Sprawl-fueled growth pushes people further apart geographically, politically, economically, and socially. Atlanta, Georgia, one of the fastest-growing areas in the country, offers a striking example of sprawl-induced stratification. "Sprawl City" uses a multi-disciplinary approach to analyze and critique the emerging crisis resulting from urban sprawl in the ten-county Atlanta metropolitan region. Local experts including sociologists, lawyers, urban planners, economists, educators, and health care professionals consider sprawl-related concerns as core environmental justice and civil rights issues. Contributors focus on institutional constraints that are embedded in urban sprawl, considering how government housing, education, and transportation policies have aided and in some cases subsidized separate but unequal economic development and segregated neighborhoods. They offer analysis of the causes and consequences of urban sprawl, and outline policy recommendations and an action agenda for coping with sprawl-related problems, both in Atlanta and around the country. Contributors are Natalie Brown, Robert D. Bullard, William W. Buzbee, James Chapman, Dennis Creech, Russell W. Irvine, Charles Jaret, Chad G. Johnson, Glenn S. Johnson, Kurt Phillips, Elizabeth P. Ruddiman, and Angel O. Torres. The book illuminates the rising class and racial divisions underlying uneven growth and development, and provides a timely source of information for anyone concerned with those issues, including the growing environmental justice movement as well as planners, policyanalysts, public officials, community leaders, and students of public policy, geography, or planning.