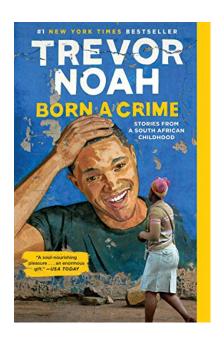
Born A Crime Book Summary (PDF) by Trevor Noah

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Why This Book Matters:

Born a Crime follows the life of Trevor Noah, a biracial man born during South Africa's apartheid, and his rise despite being born a [racial] crime.

The Big Takeaways:

- 1. Apartheid (racial segregation) took place in South Africa from 1948 to 1991.
 - 1. If Noah's birth was illegal as he was biracial, and apartheid forbade interracial relations.
- 2. Apartheid labeled Noah "colored" instead of just Black.
 - This caused significant identity issues for Trevor as a young man because he considered himself Black and was unable to identify with his combined races fully.
- 3. Noah became a deejay with the help of his friend Hitler.
 - 1. Though he couldn't afford one himself, a White

friend gave him a CD writer that led to them getting into some trouble at a party. The problem: people chanting "Go Hitler" as Noah deejayed and his pal danced.

- 4. Noah did have trouble with the law (because it was difficult for Blacks to find honest work postapartheid), but his luck reformed him.
 - While in jail, Noah took notice of the other inmates and began to realize he was fortunate-other Blacks did not have the same fortune as him
- 5. Noah still managed to rise despite his background.
 - 1. Trevor Noah is now a renowned host/comedian.

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