

"With candor, selfawareness, and considerable humor, [Young] turns an unflinching eye on both himself and an American society constructed and sustained by racism." —Washington Post

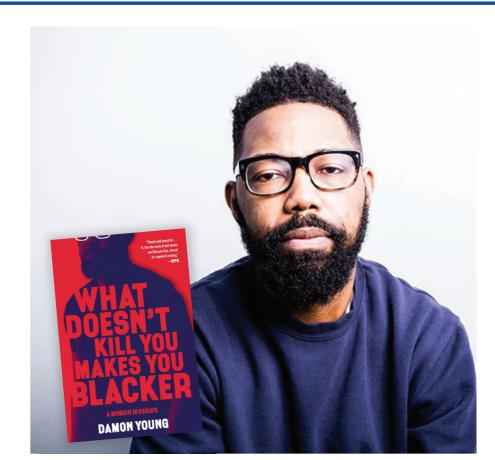
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