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“With candor, self-awareness, and considerable humor, [Young] turns an unflinching eye on both himself and an American society constructed and sustained by racism.”
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Damon Young grew up in Pittsburgh, attended Canisius College on a basketball scholarship, and earned a bachelor's degree with a major in English. He is a co-founder and the editor-in-chief of Very Smart Brothas and a contributing opinion writer for *The New York Times*. His debut memoir, *What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Blacker: A Memoir In Essays* (Ecco/HarperCollins), won the Barnes & Noble's 2019 Discover Award and was named by NPR one of the best books of the year. It was longlisted for the PEN America Diamonstein-Spielvogel Award, nominated for an NAACP Image Award, and is a Krause Essay Prize nominee. His work has appeared in *GQ*, *Time Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *LitHub*, *Slate*, *The Guardian*, *NY Mag*, and *Ebony*. Damon currently resides in Pittsburgh's Northside, with his wife and two children.

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