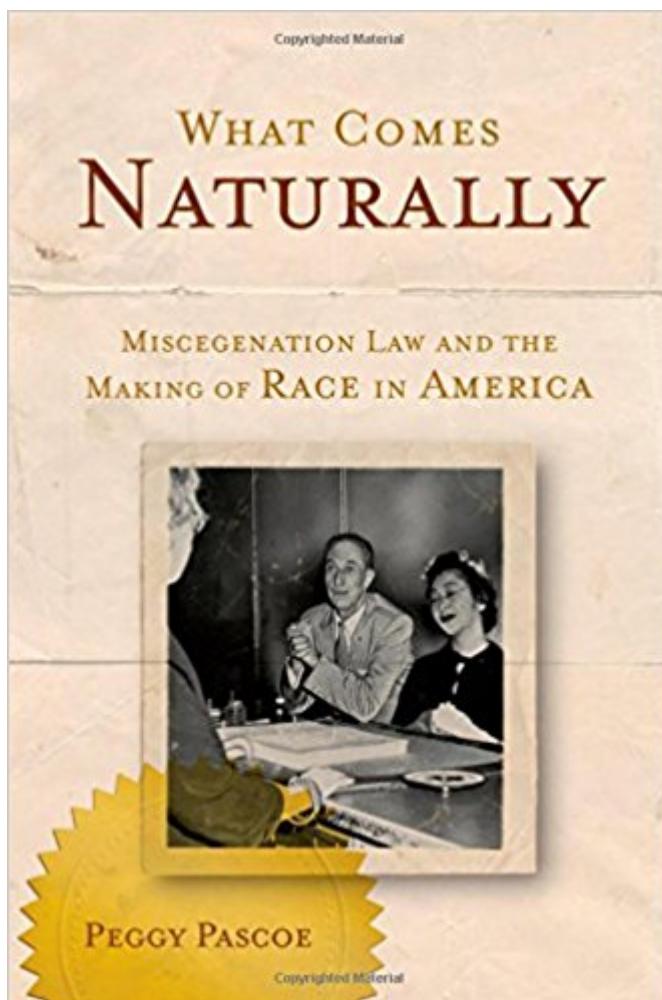


The book was found

# What Comes Naturally: Miscegenation Law And The Making Of Race In America



## **Synopsis**

A long-awaited history that promises to dramatically change our understanding of race in America, *What Comes Naturally* traces the origins, spread, and demise of miscegenation laws in the United States--laws that banned interracial marriage and sex, most often between whites and members of other races. Peggy Pascoe demonstrates how these laws were enacted and applied not just in the South but throughout most of the country, in the West, the North, and the Midwest. Beginning in the Reconstruction era, when the term miscegenation first was coined, she traces the creation of a racial hierarchy that bolstered white supremacy and banned the marriage of Whites to Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, and American Indians as well as the marriage of Whites to Blacks. She ends not simply with the landmark 1967 case of *Loving v. Virginia*, in which the Supreme Court finally struck down miscegenation laws throughout the country, but looks at the implications of ideas of colorblindness that replaced them. *What Comes Naturally* is both accessible to the general reader and informative to the specialist, a rare feat for an original work of history based on archival research.

## **Book Information**

Paperback: 416 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (November 1, 2010)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0199772355

ISBN-13: 978-0199772353

Product Dimensions: 9.1 x 1.2 x 6.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars 3 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #171,415 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #5 in Books > Law > Family Law > Marriage #12 in Books > Law > Family Law > Parental & Juvenile #176 in Books > Law > Legal History

## **Customer Reviews**

"Enormous breadth and depth...*What Comes Naturally* is a wonderfully written and copiously documented book that will appeal to both scholars and laypeople."--The North Carolina Historical Review"Highly original and important....The writing is admirably accessible, while the analyses and arguments are deeply nuanced....*What Comes Naturally* is an outstanding work of politically engaged research conducted by a creative and gifted scholar."--Mark Kessler, Law and Politics

Book Review"This compelling history of the United States miscegenation law demonstrates its centrality to maintaining white supremacy in the century following the Civil War. Pascoe...weaves a fascinating story out of significant court cases, including *McLaughlin v. Florida*, an often overlooked 1964 case in which a co-habiting white woman and black man were successfully defended....Showing how marriage law can reinforce discrimination based on what is considered 'natural,' this timely argument also has relevance for the current debate over gay marriage."--The New Yorker"Pascoe's study of the race-making work of marriage prohibitions will be regarded as the definitive book on the history of miscegenation law in the United States for the foreseeable future. Her unprecedented attention to Western states' bans on intermarriage of whites with multiple categories of racial 'others' make this a newly comprehensive and remarkably revelatory treatment of a subject that scholars thought they knew."--Nancy F. Cott, author of *Public Vows: A History of Marriage and the Nation*"A masterwork of erudition and consequence, *What Comes Naturally* reveals the hegemonic power of miscegenation through its naturalizing of race, gender, sexuality, and citizenship and their claims to purity, property, morality, and legitimacy."--Gary Y. Okihiro, author of *Island World: A History of Hawai'i and the United States*"*What Comes Naturally* is a sweeping, provocative and compelling reexamination of the three-centuries of law concerning interracial marriage in the United States. Peggy Pascoe argues that property and power rather than the desire for racial purity propelled the creation of the body of legislation that stood at the center of racial discrimination against people of color. This book challenges much of what we know, or rather, much of what we think we know about race and marriage in America."--Quintard Taylor, University of Washington"It would be hard to overestimate Pascoe's impact on the fields of U.S. History and American Studies. In this accessible, engagingly written and deeply nuanced picture of the economic, social, and ultimately political stakes in race thinking and miscegenation law, she brings together the individual stories, the different regions of the country, and the larger questions of nation-building and nation-formation. She exposes the eager, obsessive, and completely inconsistent categorizing of people into 'races.'"--Sarah Deutsch, Duke University"Peggy Pascoe's book offers the distinctive pleasures of a large and fully imagined and beautifully researched work of history. *What Comes Naturally* explores the complexities and contradictions of a largely lost world--an almost inaccessible world for most people living in the America of the early 21st century--in which the power to use marriage laws to promote and to reinforce racial subordination was legitimate throughout much of the United States, even as couples across the country continued to insist on their right to marital freedom."--Hendrik Hartog, author of *Man and Wife in America, A History*"An uncannily timely history of laws against miscegenation...in the United States...[A] good

book that recounts a fascinating history."--The New Republic"A comprehensive, accessible, and finely-crafted history of miscegenation law."--Alexandra Street Press"[Pascoe's] readable, meticulous, engaging, and comprehensive history of contingent and contested intercultural social constructions and interconnections of gender, race relations, personal identity, and the law should become a long-standing reference." --Law and History Review

Peggy Pascoe is Beekman Professor of Northwest and Pacific History at the University of Oregon.

Just as advertised. Happy with the product.

Good book. Excellent delivery time.

It was interesting to read about, but I believe we are all human beings and should be treated as equal.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

What Comes Naturally: Miscegenation Law and the Making of Race in America Soap Making: 365 Days of Soap Making: 365 Soap Making Recipes for 365 Days (Soap Making, Soap Making Books, Soap Making for Beginners, Soap Making Guide, ... Making, Soap Making Supplies, Crafting) Soap Making: 365 Days of Soap Making (Soap Making, Soap Making Books, Soap Making for Beginners, Soap Making Guide, Soap Making Recipes, Soap Making Supplies): Soap Making Recipes for 365 Days The Ultimate Soap Making Guide: Unique Soap Making Recipes & Complete Soap Making Guide for Beginners (Soap Making at Home, Soapmaking Guide, Soap Making Recipes, Soap Making Book) First Comes Love, then Comes Malaria: How a Peace Corps Poster Boy Won My Heart and a Third World Adventure Changed My Life Your Story Hour Bible Comes Alive Series (Bible Comes Alive, 1) First Comes Love (First Comes Love Series Book 1) How to get Pregnant Naturally: how to conceive naturally and have a healthy pregnancy after 30 or less The Eyesight Improvement Cure: How To Improve Your Vision Naturally Without Glasses, Lenses Or Surgery (eyesight, eyesight improvement, eyesight improvement ... naturally, how to improve your vision) 90% Law School Essays: Contracts \* A law e-book: Contract law issues and definitions and how to argue them from 70% to 90% - Big Rests Law Study Method - produces model essays Law School Handbook Contracts: UCC / Common Law definitions and outlines A Law School e-book: Authors of 6 Published Bar Exam Essays!!!!!! Contracts law A - Z Evidence, Constitutional law, Contracts Includes Essay prep and MBEÃ¢ -â„¢s \* Law school e-book: "Solutional writing" is what passes

law school. Pre-exam law school help LOOK INSIDE! Celebrity Bar Exams - Con law Criminal law Evidence Contracts Wills Real Property: Law school books / Law school exams The Law of Trusts (Prime Members Can Read This Book Free): (e law-book), Authored by writers of 6 published bar essays Including Trusts Law!! ! A - Z of Trusts Law..... Making Foreigners: Immigration and Citizenship Law in America, 1600-2000 (New Histories of American Law) Country Soul: Making Music and Making Race in the American South Here Comes Exterminator!: The Longshot Horse, the Great War, and the Making of an American Hero Hitler's American Model: The United States and the Making of Nazi Race Law The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America Making the Second Ghetto: Race and Housing in Chicago 1940-1960 (Historical Studies of Urban America)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)