

Close Encounters

Directions: John Griffin has new experiences as a different race, and he must learn to behave in new ways. Read the following passages. Locate each passage in the book. Describe how Griffin reacted to each situation. Finally, create a new reaction for Griffin.

Passage	How Griffin reacted	Another way Griffin could have reacted
1. "In every store their smiles turned to grimaces when they saw I meant not to buy but cash a check. It was not their refusal . . . but their bad manners."		
2. "She answered rudely and glared at me with such loathing I know I was receiving what the Negroes call 'the hate stare.'"		
3. "The large handsome room was almost empty. No other Negro was there . . ."		
4. ". . . no Negro would be fool enough to try to sit anywhere except at the rear on one (bus) going to Mississippi."		
5. "'You announced a rest stop. The whites got off,' I said, unable to believe he really meant to deprive us of rest-room privileges."		
6. "I was embarrassed to ride in the front seat of the car with a white man, especially on our way to his home."		