

# THE GIFT OF OUR WOUNDS



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# HATE, IMMIGRATION, AND THE AMERICAN DREAM

In her Emmy-winning documentary *White Right: Meeting the Enemy*, Filmmaker **Deeyah Khan** faces off against the men behind America's most vicious white supremacist gangs. Despite their desperate attempts to deny her humanity, the self-described "...brown, lefty Liberal, Muslim woman..." ultimately disarms fear and ignorance by connecting to these miserable, bitter men as the kind of genuine friend they've never had.

From being caught in the midst of the Charlottesville melee of August 2017, to witnessing neo-Nazis tear gassing themselves in preparation for battle with "anti-fascists", the fragile humanity of these subjects is revealed via weaponized compassion as they are leveraged to talk about their feelings rather than regurgitate racist dogma.

The immense power of human connection is driven home by poignant interviews with former white supremacists like **Arno Michaelis**, and survivors of hate crime like **Pardeep Singh Kaleka**. On August 5th, 2012, Pardeep's father, Satwant, was one of six Punjabi immigrants murdered in their house of prayer by neo-Nazi skinhead Wade Michael Page, who belonged to the same gang that Arno helped to found before he left hate behind in 1994. Pardeep reached out to Arno shortly after his father was murdered, seeking answers and accountability. Arno was honored to help, and a genuine brotherhood between the two unlikely allies began. Deeyah weaves this story into *White Right* as an example of the reconciliation and recovery process. As the film concludes with a theme of healing, it begs the question on a broader scale, "how do we all heal?"

Pardeep and Arno, along with Pulitzer Prize-winning co-Author Robin Gaby Fisher, published the gripping dual-memoir *The Gift of Our Wounds* in April of 2018. While Deeyah was creating her film, they were creating the book that would become the perfect complement to this documentary.

This powerful event combines a screening of an Emmy-winning documentary with a panel discussion by two activist co-authors who are subjects of the film. Exploring the nature of hate in human society and its toxicity to the immigrants who embody The American Dream, Pardeep and Arno soundly answer by demonstrating how to weaponize the noble human qualities of compassion, forgiveness, and gratitude.

Arno's story offers audiences a glimpse into the entry and exit of hate groups, framed by the power of compassion to change the course of human life. Pardeep's background as an immigrant, police officer, educator, and mental health clinician provides crucial insight into the power of servant leadership. Now these men share six years of experience collaborating with law enforcement, policy makers, schools, businesses, and citizens to create community wellness plans that weave and strengthen social fabric that truly counters the rise of hate in the United States and across the globe.



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