

CONTENTS

Introduction	1
1 Mutuality: The Thief, the Preacher, and the Late-Night Lawyer	15
2 All This I Made Myself: Assuming That Middle-Class Lives Are Self-Sufficient	41
3 Keep Your Distance: Assuming That Middle-Class Status Requires Distance from the Poor	62
4 The Promise Half Empty: Assuming That Segregation Is a Thing of the Past	91
5 We Renamed the Problem and It Disappeared: Assuming That Racism No Longer Limits Minority Chances	123
6 Islands without Paradise: Assuming That Poverty Results from Weak Values and Poor Decisions	149
7 Raceless Wonders: Assuming That Racial Labels No Longer Matter	176
8 The Costs of Inequality and a Vision for a More Equitable America	201
<i>Acknowledgments</i>	227
<i>Notes</i>	229
<i>Selected Bibliography</i>	253
<i>Index</i>	259
<i>About the Author</i>	275