

Black Titan: A. G. Gaston and the Making of a Black American Millionaire By Carol Jenkins **Book black and white cab** Gaston's story isn't without certain controversial aspects; I appreciated the care the authors took to include both the pro and con attitudes that prevailed toward him by other Black people. **Book black and white clipart** We need more of these stories! 0345453476 The grandson of slaves.

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And I have made it my mission to learn something about African American life I had not known about before. **Pdf black and white to color** Remember how we were told how major events such as the Kennedy Assassination the Vietnam War and HIV/AIDS impacted Forrest? In Black Titan you'll discover how serving in the military differed for Blacks even during war times what happened to Gaston and the race overall during the Great Depression how the New Deal was applied to Blacks what Jim Crow was like for wealthy blacks how the Civil Rights movement was funded what happened when Jim Crow ended (Was racism suddenly over and blacks suddenly prosperous?) how people who had known Dr. **Black titan osrs** Seizing that opportunity Gaston was able to build a fortune approaching centi-millionaire status before doing the cool thing before it became cool—giving a large portion of it to his employees rather than to the natural heirs of his bounty. **Black titans aot** Here for the first time is the story of the life of this extraordinary pioneer told by his niece and grandniece the award-winning television journalist Carol Jenkins and her daughter Elizabeth Gardner Hines. **Black titans aot** Born at a time when the bitter legacy of slavery and Reconstruction still poisoned the lives of black Americans Gaston was determined to make a difference for himself and his people. **Book black and white clipart** His first job after serving in the celebrated all-black regiment during World War I bound him to the near-slavery of an Alabama coal mine—but even here Gaston saw not only hope but opportunity. **Book black and white image** A kind of black Horatio Alger Gaston let a single powerful question be his guide: What do our people need now? His success flowed from an uncanny genius for knowing the answer. **Black titan osrs** Combining rich family lore with a deep knowledge of American social and economic history Carol Jenkins and Elizabeth Hines unfold Gaston's success story against the backdrop of a century of crushing racial hatred and bigotry. **Book black and white clipart** I would love to read more about this man and the tension of being a black millionaire and how that put him in conflict with the Civil Rights movement and there is a little in here to illuminate that struggle but her main mission seems to be to defend Gaston against his critics. **Black titans aot** 0345453476 “Athletes and musicians who have made millions in their industries deserve our respect but it is critical that blacks understand that our history and our (often neglected) successes run deeper than that. **Book black and white clipart** All children need to be made familiar with images and stories of blacks who have found success in the boardroom and the classroom along with those who have found it on the court and in the clubs. **Book black and white png** Gaston until a few months ago on a podcast where Professor Greg Carr of Howard University mentioned his name briefly and the overlooked contribution the entrepreneur made during the civil rights movement during the 1960s mostly in Birmingham. **Book black and white clipart** His empire began with a funeral company (since white-owned funeral homes would not bury black folks) and expanded into an insurance company bank motel (which was prominent during the civil rights movement) business college and boys & girls' club. **Book black and white clipart** They labeled Gaston as a black conservative and called him an Uncle Tom for continuing to accommodate Birmingham's white power structure by those who followed King and his nonviolent approach in attempting to desegregate the city. Gaston sightseeing noted locations around the world and meeting renowned historical figures: **Book black and white clipart** Until this book appeared on Bookbub I'd never heard of Gaston. **Black titans hat** I think it's curious he isn't a bigger household name given his key role in the civil rights movement: **Black titans hat** His status as one of the US' wealthiest Black men at his death in the late '90s should also have garnered greater media attention. **Black titans hat** I imagine his relatively conservative

politics have helped to keep his memory from receiving broader awareness and respect among African-Americans: **Book black and white clipart** (Side note: it was dispiriting to learn in Black Titan that Booker T Washington advocated the trickle down theory: **Book black and white clipart** ) 0345453476 What an incredibly powerful and historically relevant book: **Black titanium iphone** Thoroughly enjoyed diving into the history of African-American's and their wealth creation post-slavery: **Book black and white png** Black American life throughout our history in this country in multilayered and complex, **Book black and white clipart** Our contributions run deep and a rags-to-riches story like A. **Pdf black and white to color** Gaston should be celebrated as an American success story by everyone: **Black titans hat** A bit embarrassed that I never heard of him (though I am a Northerner) 0345453476 I had never heard of A. **Book black and white clipart** His grandfather worked with horses and his grandmother was an accomplished cook: **Book black and white clipart** When slavery ended they stayed on working for the family that previously owned them. **Black titanium iphone** His grandmother taught his mother to cook and she also earned a living working for wealthy white families as a live-in cook and as a sought after caterer. **Book black and white image** When he was young there were two broad schools of thought about black advancement: **Book black and white clipart** Washington believed that black people should stay where they were and work hard to advance economically before looking for social equality: **Black titans aot** DuBois believed in fighting for social equality and letting the talented tenth of black elites raise up the rest of the community, **Black titans hat** After serving in WWI.

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He returned to Alabama and couldn't find a good job, **Black titans hat** He saw widows begging for money to pay for their miner husbands' funerals. **Pdf black and white to color** Eventually he started a bank for black people and a business training school. **Book black and white clipart** He was in his seventies and wealthy when the civil rights movement game to Birmingham. **Book black and white clipart** He owned the only black hotel so Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference set up shop there: **Book black and white png** I got the impression that he thought they were young radical whippersnappers, **Book black and white clipart** But.

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Interesting story about a black man who was a major player in the business world in Alabama - pre-civil rights era no less: **Book black and white clipart** He had businesses in a number of sectors from funeral homes to a bottling company, **Book black and white clipart** Although the pace of the book is slow the story was engaging to me at least, **Book black and white clipart** Had not heard of him prior to this book however as a black Southerner his story inspires perpetually a sense of self-determinism no situation can extinguish, **Book black and white clipart** Just the sheer ability to see better as an option during a period where it would have been easy to fall-in-line speaks most saliently to me. **Pdf black and white to color** Thoroughly enjoyed this book!!!! 0345453476 Her great uncle having already written his own autobiography the author chose to chronicle A, **Book black and white clipart** Gaston's life against the national and global events that impacted and were impacted by him. **Black titan book** In that regard Black Titan is a true tale of American history that sort of reminds me of the movie Forrest Gump, **Black titanium iphone** Martin Luther King and President Kennedy experienced their assassinations. **Black titans aot** Without spoiling the read for you Gaston basically turned lemons into lemonade. **Book black and white clipart** His family was dirt poor (sharecroppers maids and whatnot) but they were loving, **Book black and white clipart** Gaston used that lesson to master how to get along with whites in general: **Pdf black**

**and white to color** Jim Crow's separate but equal policy created an opportunity to provide for blacks what whites would not supply (e, **Book black and white clipart** banking services motel accommodations business education funeral services etc: **Black titan book** His great niece did a wonderful job of supplying the emotional side of this opportunistic businessman, **Book black and white clipart** 0345453476 Black Titan is a strong if more than slightly biased retelling of Gaston's life by his niece and grandniece Carol Jenkins and Elizabeth Gardner Hines: **Black titanium iphone** I found it a bit slow to read what with its somewhat scholarly tone. **Pdf black and white to color** Gaston died more than a century later with a fortune worth well over \$130 million and a business empire spanning communications real estate and insurance, **Book black and white clipart** Gaston was by any measure a heroic figure whose wealth and influence bore comparison to J. **Book black and white png** He launched a business selling lunches to fellow miners soon established a rudimentary bank—and from then on there was no stopping him, **Book black and white clipart** Gaston not only survived the hardships of being black during the Depression he flourished and by the 1950s he was ruling a Birmingham-based business empire: **Book black and white clipart** When the movement for civil rights swept through the South in the late 1950s and early 1960s Gaston provided critical financial support to many activists: **Book black and white clipart** Gaston was one of the wealthiest black men in America if not the wealthiest: **Book black and white image** He was a man who had proved it was possible to overcome staggering odds and make a place for himself as a leader a captain of industry and a far-sighted philanthropist, **Book black angels** Writing with grace and power Jenkins and Hines bring their distinguished ancestor fully to life in the pages of this book, **Book black and white clipart** Black Titan is the story of a man who created his own future—and in the process blazed a future for all black businesspeople in America, **Book black and white clipart** Gaston and the Making of a Black American MillionaireIt was a very interesting read but it's written by Gaston's niece so it was frustratingly biased. **Black titan osrs** Every child should have the privilege of believing as I did growing up that skin color does not determine success—dedication does. **Book black and white clipart** "I thought I would begin my latest review with a paragraph from the epilogue of Black Titan by Carol Jenkins and Elizabeth Gardner Hines, **Book black and white clipart** Gaston told the story from his post Civil War impoverished childhood to becoming a multimillionaire and Birmingham's most prominent African American entrepreneur: **Book black and white clipart** Gaston became an entrepreneur upon accident and a deep need to get out of poverty: **Book black and white clipart** Gaston's net worth reached 130 million at the time of his death in January 1996, **Book black and white clipart** Gaston was a complicated figure that believed loyalty and dedication were keys to success: **Book black and white clipart** His business credo "Find a need and fill it" served him well in nearly every business venture he undertook: **Book black and white clipart** Of course no one was perfect and the book chronicled his failed venture with Brown Belle Soda Pop Company and his tense but respectful relationship with Martin Luther King: **Book black and white clipart** That relationship (along with his business principles) were the highlights for me in the book: **Book black and white image** The entrepreneur wanted the same outcome as King but understood that economic power was just as important a factor for black progress as well as social justice. **Book black and white clipart** Gaston stung by being labeled an Uncle Tom but stood firm in his beliefs: **Black titan osrs** As time has passed Gaston's viewpoint helped shape a post civil-rights Birmingham as much as King did: **Book black and white image** I appreciated the book highlighting the fact that two black men on the opposite side of the political and social spectrum could work together despite their differences: **Pdf black and white to color** Gaston bailed King out of jail during his time in Birmingham. **Black titan osrs** King deposited \$1000 (worth about 8100 dollars today) into Gaston's bank as a sign of support, **Book black and white clipart** The entrepreneur and the activist seemed to understand they needed each other and proved that when a bigger cause is at work they could set aside differences to reach the goal: **Book black and white clipart** February is Black History Month he was the person that repeatedly bailed them out of jail - whether they wanted bailed out or not, **Book black and white clipart** He also argued vehemently against involving children in the marches and

then secured the bond for the release of all the children jailed: **Book black and white clipart** People spoke of him as being too deferential to the white businessmen especially if they didn't know that he was bankrolling a lot of the protests: **Book black and white clipart** (He said he couldn't be sure if it was white or black people who wanted to bomb his house. **Black titans aot** ) Bombs were set at other of his properties but were found before they went off: **Book black and white image** He let the marchers on the way to Selma camp on one of farms one night. **Book black and white clipart** After the protests moved away from Birmingham he stayed and continued to serve the community, **Book black and white clipart** Eventually he sold his business empire to his employees for a tenth of its worth to maintain local black control. **Black titanium iphone** This review was originally posted on Based On A True Story 0345453476 An interesting part of history for sure[1]

I enjoyed the photos of Mr. and Mrs. Ugh. Something not often spoken of or taught.G. 0345453476 Very good read and interesting story.G. Gaston before this book showed up on Book Bub last year. I'm glad I found out about him. He had a remarkable life.A.G. Gaston's grandparents were slaves. These were considered privileged positions. This put A.G. in contact with wealth at a young age. Booker T. W.E.B. A.G. Gaston spent his life firmly in Booker T. Washington's camp. He had to take work in the mines. He started a burial insurance business. From there he bought funeral homes. He argued for moderation. He wanted to negotiate instead of marching. The entrepreneurship of A.G. Gaston was impressive. 0345453476 Amazing story of the life of A.G. Gaston.G. Gaston was born in Alabama during Jim Crow. They taught Gaston how to avoid getting lynched.g.). I find it a very worthy read. However born into poverty in 1892 in the Deep South A. G. P. Morgan and Andrew Carnegie. At the time of his death in 1996 A. G. But his legacy extended far beyond the monetary. Black Titan: A. G. The niece and grandniece of Alabama Businessman A.G.Sadly I had never heard of A.G. They estimated that Mr. He lived to 103 years old.His hotel was bombed. His house was bombed. He was even kidnapped. He was a philanthropist.A.G. Gaston died at the age of 103. His story is amazing. He should definitely be better known. 0345453476

