

### Epilogue

The transformative effect of story telling has been demonstrated by scholars identified with Critical Race Theory<sup>31</sup>, feminist jurisprudence<sup>32</sup>, and the law and literature movement<sup>33</sup>. With this paper, I explore the process by which we, who members of subordinated populations, disguise our external selves and our reasons for doing so. Masking ourselves, however, intensifies feelings of alienation from ourselves, our families and our communities.

As we share our stories we impose our interpretation on our past. As we share our stories we also attenuate our dependence on painful pretenses with ourselves and with others.

I have candidly related stories about my family and my law school experiences. I have tried to respect the privacy of my family and to be faithful and judicious about providing details about others in the anecdotes.

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*I would be very interested in receiving  
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