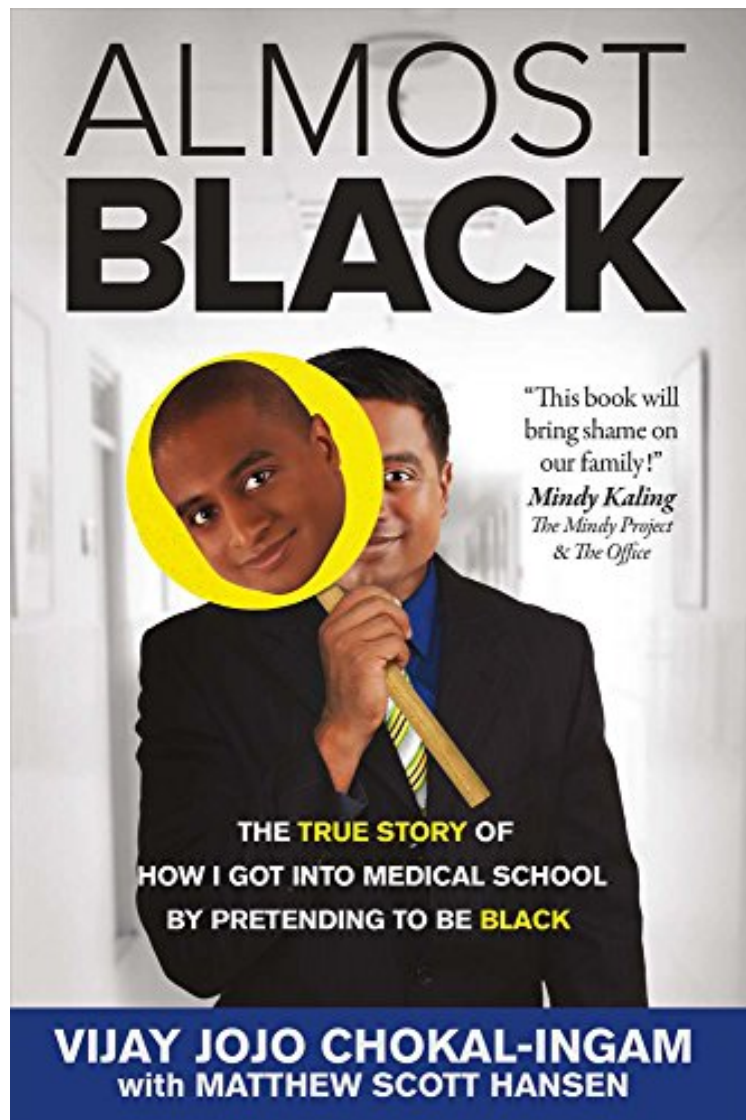


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S. Kilker At times very interesting at others he gets bogged down. I read due to the fact that he went to SLU with my daughter and son-in-law. He quickly glossed over the end and didn't finish the story as to why he was dismissed. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Interesting read By Archit Ojha "Everything is fair..." Almost Black follows a true account of how Vijay Jojo Chokal-Ingam gets admission in a medical college pretending and lying to be someone who he was not. Impressive, audacious and interesting, if you get hang of it. You could never expect someone doing it and yet this book witnesses it all. It often happens that there are few incidences you don't want to believe that occurred and yet you've trust them. Almost Black portrays a narrative of such incidence. You may like the book, you may not. But the essence that it provides you is certain to stay for a long time. It is a tale of how amazing things can happens if you just look out for them. Finding loopholes in the system was one of the agenda that the author worked pretty miraculously. I only wish that the language could have been improved a little. It surprised me. It shocked me. It had me involved with it thoroughly. Maybe it can do the same to you. 7 of 9 people found the following review helpful. ... system and get into medical school with less than perfect grades by pretending he's black By M. Janum Very well written and honest account of a guy trying to work the system and get into medical school with less than perfect grades by pretending he's black. What's interesting is in his journey he often realizes that he can't fool everyone and he learns many valuable lessons along the way. Being "black" has a downside as he experiences racism and people he knows treating him differently when they don't recognize him with his new look as Jojo, not Vijay. Highly recommend.

I got into medical school by saying I was black. I lied.

"Mindy Kaling's brother is a cool prankster upsetting the status quo." -Gawker "This sounds like it's straight out of a sitcom!" -Perez Hilton "Mindy Kaling's brother may have taken a slightly unorthodox route to get into medical school. - TIME "Vijay Chokal-Ingam, the brother of writer and actress Mindy Kaling, has sparked controversy with his new book." -NBC News "Mindy Kaling's older brother took the phrase 'fake it til you make it' to a whole other level." - Entertainment Tonight / CBS News "Like others who've recently been exposed for falsely claiming racial identities...Chokalingam wanted to claim the fruits of racial affiliation without having to carry black people's burden." - CNN "Vijay Chokal-Ingam (a.k.a. Vijay Ingam), has published an irreverent and very un-PC memoir about gaming the affirmative action system." -Inquisitr "This entire enterprise was a joke...it's obvious that you don't take these issues all that seriously." -The Daily Beast "Chokalingam's story is...surprising because of how shameless he is." -Washington Post "Vijay Chokal-Ingam, the brother of comic TV writer and actor Mindy Kaling, made a splash...when he claimed to have gotten into med school purely because he pretended to be black." -BuzzFeed "Mindy Kaling's brother Vijay Chokalingam says he got into med school in the late '90s by pretending to be black to take advantage of affirmative action -- which kind of sounds like something Dr. Mindy Lahiri's younger brother Rishi might do on "The Mindy Project." -Los Angeles Times "Vijay Chokalingam, the brother of the actress Mindy Kaling (whose real name is Vera Mindy Chokalingam), has written a book about his experiences posing as a black man, in order to take advantage of positive discrimination policies and gain acceptance to medical school." -The Telegraph "Some of you may recall 'Soul Man,' the awful 1986 movie starring C. Thomas Howell as a kid who takes tanning pills to qualify for a black-only scholarship at Harvard Law School. Well, Mindy Kaling's older brother Vijay Chokal-Ingam says he did something of the sort." -Boston Globe About the Author Vijay Jojo Chokal-Ingam (Chokalingam) is an "Affirmative Action Hacktivist" who was successfully admitted to the St. Louis University (SLU) School of Medicine by posing as a black man, despite having a pitifully low GPA. Vijay detailed his misadventures masquerading as a black man in his recent book Almost Black. His story has been featured on more than 100 media outlets, including CNN, NBC, ABC, TIME, FOX, and Huffington Post. Vijay received his B.A. in Economics without distinction from the University of Chicago, where his more academically gifted classmates included Tucker Max (the New York Times best-selling author of I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell / Sloppy Seconds and the founder of the "fratire" literary genre). After failing out of medical school, Vijay got his act together and gained admission to the UCLA Anderson School of Management, a top-ranked business school. This time, Vijay did not pose as a black man, since UCLA does not practice affirmative action in admissions.