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I believe that this book holds importance in this time of college admission fraud, stereotypes, and social imbalance. The book is an easy-to-follow read that many people have seemed to enjoy already. Michelle Obama's portrayal of her life with all of its ups and downs allows the average person to relate. Even though the things that are described within "Becoming" are over an extended period of time, they're very relevant today.

I can personally relate to some of the topics that are included within the book. Factors such as racism and education are widely discussed and allows the reader(s) to fully understand her experiences. There's one experience that she mentions regarding someone stating that she speaks like a *white girl* due to the fact she was taught to speak proper American English. This particular statement is something that not only myself but other people of color might have heard told them as well. If speaking *white* means to speak properly, what does it actually mean to sound *black*? Or even *Asian* and *Latino*? It doesn't make sense because none of those racial and ethnic groups are a monolith- every person is different.

There's a number of reason why one might say that this book was needed now. Factors such as another presidential election cycle being on the rise and parents partaking in fraud regarding post-secondary education play a role within the relevance of this book. Michelle Obama was admitted into two ivy league schools without any influence from acts of bribery. Some may argue that those parents wanted to give their kids a *better life*, but what exactly does a *better life* mean? If it's fine for parents to provide a better life for their kids even if they have to do so through illegal means, does this apply to families who attempt to migrate to America and other first world countries?