

A Good Country: My Life in Twelve Towns and the Ongoing Battle for a White America

Notes

Prologue: Extra American

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