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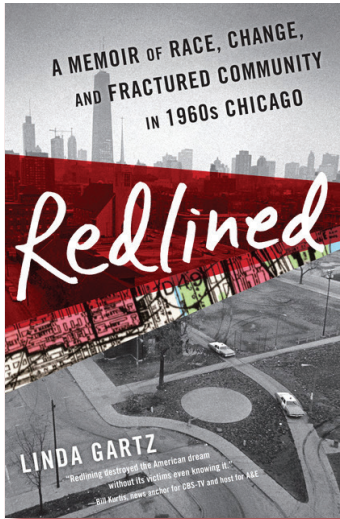
**A MEMOIR OF RACE, CHANGE, AND FRACTURED
COMMUNITY IN 1960S CHICAGO** by Linda Gartz

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Book Specs:

Title: *Redlined: A Memoir of Race, Change, an Fractured Community in 1960s Chicago*

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Redlined keeps winning awards!
Short-listed for the Chanticleer Journey Award
Narrative Nonfiction

More honors:

Book of the Year, Indie Nonfiction 2018

Chicago Writers Association

First Place, Memoir 2018, Illinois Woman's Press Ass'n

Best Books of 2018, Kirkus Reviews

New York Festival of Books

International Book Awards

Foreword Indies: Multicultural and Memoir

Independent Publishers Book Awards

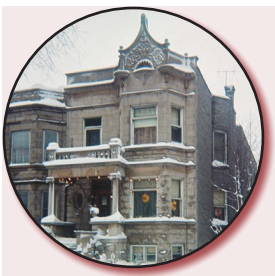
New Generation Indie Book Awards

About the book

In the era of #BlackLivesMatter, Linda Gartz reaches into the historic roots of the segregation that created impoverished, violent communities and determined the fate of her former West Side Chicago neighborhood.

Set against the backdrop of the Civil Rights Movement, *Redlined* exposes the federal government's racist lending policy called "redlining." In a riveting story of a Chicago family caught in the middle when their community is fractured by racial turmoil and the social upheavals in the 1960s, *Redlined* delivers a powerful insider's view of a racially changing community.

Based on a treasure trove of long-hidden family letters, diaries, photos and more, *Redlined* interweaves the author's coming-of-age story and themes of mental illness, domestic collapse, and devotion to ideals of work and duty with the impact of redlining on both Blacks and Whites. That impact is still with us in the hot contemporary issues of segregation, poverty, and violence.



Our first home
4222 W. Washington



My parents celebrate
their 10th anniversary, 1952



Devastation post riots
after ML King's death, 1968



A tiny sampling of the
Gartz family archives

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Reviews

"A stunning debut memoir . . ."

—*Kirkus Reviews* [starred]

"A captivating personal story told through the lives of her Chicago family, Gartz probes the invisible web of oppression that affected both whites and blacks."

—Bill Kurtis, CBS News anchor, TV producer/host, and Peabody and Emmy-award winner

"Fearless and precise... impossible to put down."

—Sharon Solwitz, author of *Once, in Lourdes*. First Place Fiction from the Society of Midland Authors

"I didn't just love reading this memoir, I appreciated it. . . . *Redlined* is a beacon of enlightenment in our current American society."

—*Readers' Favorite*, 5 of 5 stars

"You will be blown away by this book."

—*Online Book Club*, 4 of 4 stars

"*Redlined* is absolutely riveting from cover to cover."

—*Midwest Book Review: Reviewer's Choice*

"A fascinating first-person memoir of how a racist government policy affected West Garfield Park."

—Bob Chiarito, *The Chicago Ambassador*, April 2017

"Beautifully told and a compelling read."

—Jim Grimsley, author of *How I Shed My Skin: Unlearning the Racist Lessons of a Southern Childhood*

Links to each full review are on Linda's website under "Media and Reviews."

Media

Linda has been interviewed about *Redlined* in print and on more than 25 radio stations nationwide

- *Chicago Tribune* columnist Heidi Stevens, "Balancing Act"
- NPR's WBEZ: *Morning Shift* with host Jenn White
- WGN-TV Midday, with host Steve Sanders
- WGN Radio
 - *The John Williams Show*: Interview with John Williams
 - *After Hours*: Interview with Rick Kogan
- WVON Radio
 - *Perri Small Show* with host Perri Small
- *The Atlantic*: *Redlined* recommended in Nov. 30th "Books Briefing"

Meet the Author – Linda Gartz



Six-time Emmy-honored television producer, author, blogger, educator, and archivist.

- TV productions featured on ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, and *Investigation Discovery*, syndicated nationwide
- Educational videos hosted by **Oprah Winfrey** and **Maya Angelou**
- Articles and essays published nationwide and in the *Chicago Tribune*
- B.A. and M.A.T. degrees, Northwestern University

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