

ALBINISM AND POPCULTURE:

We have yet to see a positive and accurate portrayal of people with albinism (PWA) in the arts, literature and the media. So far, PWA are portrayed as villains, demons, ghosts, freaks of nature, mystical anomalies, village idiots, etc. FOR EXAMPLE:

“White is the empty page. It’s the blank canvas . . . people could project whatever they desire most – or whatever they feared most – onto. The community created Judah (the bleached white man) over and over and over again because he was blank.”

SOURCE: Emily Urquhart; The Meaning of White, March 20, 2013, p. 9, (an interview with Michael Crummey, author of Galore)

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“What is it that in the Albino man so peculiarly repels and often shocks the eye, as that sometimes he is loathed by his own kith and kin...this mere aspect of all pervading whiteness makes him more strangely hideous than the ugliest abortion. Why should this be so?”

SOURCE: Herman Melville in his 1851 novel *Moby Dick*, which chronicles Ahab’s maniacal quest for the white whale that took his leg. In Chapter 42 "[The Whiteness of the Whale.](#)" Ishmael, the book’s narrator, expounds on albinism in people.

Source # 1:

ALBINISM IN POPCULTURE

<http://www.albinism.org/popcult/>

Source # 2:

MEDIA REVIEWS: films, artist & public figures

http://www.knowlton-family.co.uk/Albinism/film_artist/film_artist.htm

Source # 3:

“Family Guy – Grumpy Old Man” albinism piece is located directly following the opening credits about a minute and ½ in. Video can be viewed on the Global TV website at:

<http://www.globaltv.com/familyguy/video/full+episodes/grumpy+old+man/video.html?v=2175622465&p=1&s=dd#video>

Source # 4:

[So Youre Getting Albino Legs from Brainfox](#)

Or: ALBIONIC - One man's emergency surgery launches him leg-first into a traumatic exploration of his identity.
www.funnyordie.com/videos/.../so-you-re-getting-albino-legs

Source # 5:

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyRq-QGp2RY&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Source # 6:

ABC News / What Would You Do?: Man With Albinism Under Attack

Link to a recent ABC Documentary on the social stigma that PWA face even in North America.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-D6DbLnmOA&feature=youtu.be>

Source # 7:

Albinism in Culture: Literature / Suite101.com

<http://andrew-leibs.suite101.com/albinism-in-literature-a59301>

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Source # 8:

Ultimate Strangers: The Use of albinism in Film

[Ultimate Strangers: The Use of albinism in Film](#)

Kaleidoscope, #53

Summer/Fall 2006, pp 17-20

Source # 9:

Dark Sea

The “mysterious albino” lives on in Brazils movie industry – October 2, 2013

<http://m.screendaily.com/5061107.article>

Source # 10:

Comedy Card Company: Online greeting card by Wulffmorgenthaler

“Albinos on a ski trip”

<http://www.comedycard.co.uk/products/funny-card-skiing-wulffmorgenthaler-albinos-on-a-skiing-trip>

Source # 11:

Albino Lullaby is a horror videogame targeting an August 2015 release for the first episode of the experience and is a surreal first-person horror title which focuses on unnerving players through unpredictable events.

<http://vrfocus.com/archives/14397/albino-lullaby-gets-new-vr-demo-devs-dying-project-morpheus-version/>