

FINDING FORRESTER (2002)

1	00:00	00:00	Rap, credits <i>Jamal's books are very literary</i>
2	03:47	03:47	Basketball and binoculars, class about Poe
3	06:00	06:00	Ghost/Window rumors, Jamal's test scores
4	12:11	12:11	The break-in, The Window's rather literary books basketball in the house, grocery man's delivery to The Window
5	20:15	20:15	Jamal reads the marked up notebooks
6	21:25	21:25	Jamal returns to Forrester's flat with 5000 words
7	24:12	24:12	Good test scores, invite to private school
8	26:22	26:22	Evaluation of 5000 words, first entry into the flat, no basketball in Forrester's flat, " <i>I got my rap" -- Busta Rhymes</i>
9	32:00	32:00	Visit the prep school, no participation
10	34:00	34:00	Lunch date
11	34:42	34:42	Next visit
12	37:24	37:24	Basketball at new school
13	40:00	40:00	Lunch, Jamal finds out The Window is William Forrester <i>explain the clues as he's at the library computer</i>
14	41:29	41:29	Jamal confronts Forrester, writing competition, groceries arrive
15	51:50	51:50	Write, the 1960 file
16	56:42	56:42	B'ball, 50 foul shots, Crawford's a rejected author, too busy for Fly
17	63:48	1:03:48	Rich party at Claire's place, people are still reading his book, <i>Chinese food with forks</i> , Pulitzer
18	73:56	1:13:56	An unexpected gift at an unexpected time, Plagiarism accusation (Crawford to board members)
19	78:10	1:18:10	Forrester's photos - Yankee Stadium
20	80:56	1:20:56	<i>Madison Square Garden (basketball)</i>
21	85:02	1:25:02	<i>Yankee Stadium (baseball, photo album)</i> , dead brother, "The rest of those who have gone before us cannot steady the unrest of those to follow."
22	89:53	1:29:53	Crawford accuses Jamal of plagiarism, how Forrester prevented Crawford from being published.

23	94:20	1:34:20	<i>Jamal uses what he wrote with Forrester Coleridge</i>
24	99:44	1:39:44	Jamal called to the office and busted for plagiarism,he tells Forrester, Big confrontation, Unwelcome back at the old school
25	107:50	1:47:50	2 to win, 1 to tie <i>how Forrester cleans outside the window</i> bicycling at night, brother delivers the letter, writing symposium
26	118:00	1:58:00	Forrester reads
27	121:21	2:01:21	Forrester explains, etc
28	125:48	2:05:48	1 year later <i>read title page</i>
	131:50	2:11:50	Credits begin (b'ball in background)

My mother taught me not to be a racist. People are equal, no matter what color they are. But when I went to that black college, I learned that it's not that simple. We do still make assumptions sometimes. Us and them. I learned a lot about myself by going to school there. Then, many years later, I moved to China. Here's a question for you to think about.

Whenever I walk down the street, a lot of people stare at me. A lot of people yell "Hello" at me. Is that racist? I don't think it is. Every time I see a black man in Hangzhou, I stare. I say hello. Last month I saw three. I could tell from their clothes they were from Africa, not America. I stared. Just because it was so unusual.

I've been to a lot of English Corners. Every time I meet a student, he or she will always ask me the same questions. "What is your name? What country are you from? Do you like Chinese food? Can you eat with chopsticks?" Is that racist? No, it is not. It's in all your textbooks. I know this.

But, pretend you are a foreigner. You are not Chinese. You are Western. You get off the plane in Hangzhou and everybody stares at you and yells "Hello" and "wei guo ren." When you go shopping, everyone stares at your food. "What do lao wei eat?" Everybody asks you if you can eat with chopsticks. And you have never seen a Chinese textbook. So you might think everybody in Hangzhou is a racist. They're not. It's a misunderstanding.

When you hear the phrase "culture shock," that's what it is. If you went to my hometown, you would be the first Chinese person to ever go there. You would be stared at. Nobody would yell "ni hao" at you because they don't know "ni hao." But if you're a man, they might do fake kung fu moves. They are racists.

The people who wrote your textbooks aren't racists. They wrote a set of useful questions that you need. That was a VERY hard job. It's a job I wouldn't want. But if you are Western, and every Chinese person you meet asks you if you can eat with chopsticks, you might misunderstand and think it's racist. Sean Connery (Forrester) was the first James Bond. Rob Brown (Jamal) is a newcomer. "I needed a bit of extra cash to pay my cell phone bill, so I decided to go to the casting call."