

Book Study Options- Racial Justice Issues

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Christian Perspective

Dear White Christian: What Every White Christian Needs to Know About How Black Christians See, Think, & Experience Racism in America by Aaron J. Layton

Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation by Jennifer Harvey

**Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew G.I. Hart

Non-fiction

Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin

The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: a Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League by Jeff Hobbs

Understanding Jim Crow: Using Racist Memorabilia to Teach Tolerance and Promote Social Justice by David Pilgrim

Novels

The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

The House at Sugar Beach: In Search of a Lost African Childhood by Helene Cooper

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

The Warmth of Other Sons: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

Race/ by Black Authors

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Growing Up Black In South Madison by Richard Harris Pd. D.

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Race Matters by Cornel West

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America by Michael Eric Dyson

“Why are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?”: and Other Conversations About Race by Beverly Daniel Tatum Ph.D.

Racial Injustice

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

**The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander

Slavery by Another Name: The Re-enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II by Douglas A. Blackmon

Whiteness

Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism by Carolyn B. Helsel

Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America by Jennifer Harvey

Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice by Paul Kivel

**Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo

White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son by Tim Wise

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