

Suggested Readings and Films for Continuing Education on the Topic of Race

Books discussed or on reading lists of people in local RT book group:

- *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander
- *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
- *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James Loewen
- *Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing* by Joy DeGruy
- *The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement Is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear* by Rev. William J. Barber II with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
- *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson
- *Letter from Birmingham Jail* by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- *Writings on the Wall: Searching for a New Equality Beyond Black and White* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide* by Carol Anderson
- *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving

Some other nonfiction books of interest, several from a faith perspective:

- ❖ *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation* by Jennifer Harvey
- ❖ *Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice* by Paul Kivel
- ❖ *Enter the River: Healing Steps from White Privilege to Racial Reconciliation* by Judy Miller Shearer
- ❖ *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Paths* by Wes Moore
- ❖ *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God* by Kelly Brown Douglas
- ❖ *The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism* by Edward E. Baptist
- ❖ *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone
- ❖ *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew G. I. Hart
- ❖ *Freedom's Daughters: The Unsung Heroines of the Civil Rights Movement from 1830 to 1970* by Lynne Olson
- ❖ *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein
- ❖ *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond (2017 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction)

- ❖ *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin
- ❖ *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* by Michael Eric Dyson
- ❖ *The Origin of Others* (The Charles Eliot Norton Lectures) by Toni Morrison
- ❖ *Everyday White People Confront Racial and Social Injustice: 15 Stories* edited by Eddie Moore, Jr., Marguerite W. Penick-Parks, and Ali Michael

Some Recent Fiction

- *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult (2016)
- *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward (2017)
- *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi (2016)

Selected Films

- “Race the Power of an Illusion” (California Newsreel) newsreel.org/video/RACE-THE-POWER-OF-AN-ILLUSION
- “White Like Me” (Media Education Foundation) youtu.be/NYnTlaCM988
- “Mirrors of Privilege: Making White Privilege Visible” world-trust.org/shop/films/mirrors-privilege-making-whiteness-visible/
- “Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity” world-trust.org/shop/films/cracking-codes-system-racial-inequity/
- “Ferguson: A Report From Occupied Territory” yooutu.be/gq9pHONmaLc

Please note: This list will also be posted on the First Mennonite Church website.