

Summer Reading, Viewing and Listening Recommendations From the Social Justice and Transformation Committee

Looking for some thought-provoking summer reads, movies and podcasts? The Social Justice and Transformation Committee has some recommendations. This summer we are building on the Rabb Lecture Series by Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas on Race Relations and the Episcopal Church. We have broadened the discussion to race in America. Certainly, with the horrifying events of the last two months and the legacy of slavery and injustice, this discussion is essential and part of our discernment as Christians. The list includes both fiction and non-fiction, and if visual or audio are your cup of tea, we've included some suggestions.

On June 24 at 7:00 pm, Dave Gradwell will be leading a virtual book group.
America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America
by Jim Wallis

The Book Study will meet as a Zoom meeting

Join us for a discussion of America's Original Sin. In America's Original Sin, "Jim Wallis has grasped with amazing clarity and insight the persistent pain and sin of racism in America." - Rev. Dr. Gabriel Salguero, president, National Latino Evangelical Coalition

America's Original Sin can be found on Amazon.com. To attend, please contact Dave Gradwell at glfrbss2@gmail.com for information to join the meeting.

Enjoy our recommendations that we hope will spark reflection, outrage, action, discussion, and prayer.

Books

Non-Fiction

Just Mercy by Brian Stephenson
How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
The New Jim Crow by Michele Alexander
Waking up White by Debby Irving
White Fragility by Robin D'Angelo
The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore
Evicted by Matthew Desmond
What the Eyes Don't See by Mona Hanna-Attisha
Slavery by Another Name by Douglas Blackmon

Fiction

Kindred by Octavia Butler
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
Nichol Boys by Colson Whitehead
The Water Dance by Ta-Nehisi Coates
The Underground by Colson Whitehead
American Marriage by Tayari Jones
The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas
Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward
The Bluest Eyes by Toni Morrison

I know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Nora Zeale Hurston
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Articles

1619 Project by Nikole Hannah-Jones

(<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html>)

The Case for Reparations by Ta-Nehisi Coates

(<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>)

Movies

- 13th (Ava DuVernay) — Netflix
- American Son (Kenny Leon) — Netflix
- Black Power Mixtape: 1967-1975 — Available to rent
- Clemency (Chinonye Chukwu) — Available to rent
- Dear White People (Justin Simien) — Netflix
- Fruitvale Station (Ryan Coogler) — Available to rent
- I Am Not Your Negro (James Baldwin doc) — Available to rent or on Kanopy
- If Beale Street Could Talk (Barry Jenkins) — Hulu
- Just Mercy (Destin Daniel Cretton) — Available to rent
- King In The Wilderness — HBO
- See You Yesterday (Stefon Bristol) — Netflix
- Selma (Ava DuVernay) — Available to rent
- The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution — Available to rent
- The Hate U Give (George Tillman Jr.) — Hulu with Cinemax
- When They See Us (Ava DuVernay) — Netflix
- The Sentence on Amazon Prime
- A Place at the Table on Amazon Prime
- “Slavery by Another Name” by Douglas Blackmon on PBS
- Eyes on the Prize which can currently be watched on www.facinghistory.org
- Harriet on Amazon Prime

Podcasts to subscribe to:

- [1619 \(New York Times\)](#)
- [About Race](#)
- [Code Switch \(NPR\)](#)
- [Intersectionality Matters! hosted by Kimberlé Crenshaw](#)
- [Momentum: A Race Forward Podcast](#)
- [Pod For The Cause \(from The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights\)](#)
- [Pod Save the People \(Crooked Media\)](#)

Looking for Books for Children Teens?

Visit the [Brown Bookshelf](#) and [We Need Diverse Books](#)

List of Resources

<https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234>