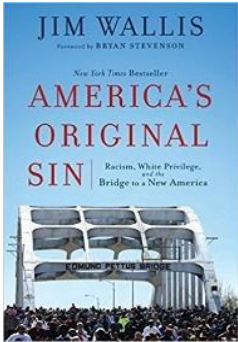


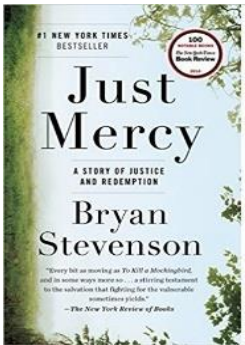
Selected Readings on Racial Justice



America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America

By Jim Wallis

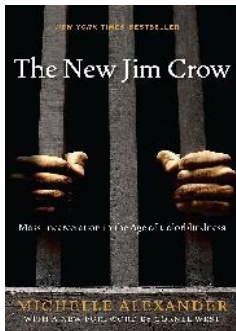
A prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so ingrained in American society. This book shows people of faith how they can work together to overcome the embedded racism in America, galvanizing a movement to cross the bridge to a multiracial church and a new America. *New York Times Best Seller!*



Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

By Bryan Stevenson

Just Mercy is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice. *New York Times Best Seller!*



The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

by Michelle Alexander

With dazzling candor, legal scholar Michelle Alexander argues that "we have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it." By targeting black men through the War on Drugs and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control—relegating millions to a permanent second-class status—even as it formally adheres to the principle of colorblindness. *New York Times Best Seller!*



Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race

by Debby Irving

For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. In 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan.

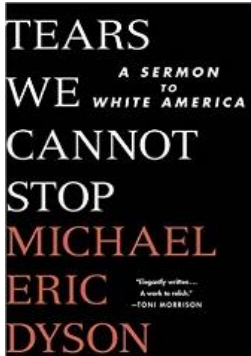


So You Want to Talk About Race

by Ijeoma Oluo

Perfectly positioned to bridge the gap between people of color and white Americans struggling with race complexities, Oluo answers the questions readers don't dare ask, and explains the concepts that continue to elude everyday Americans.

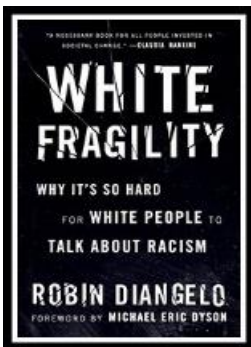
A New York Times Bestseller



Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America

by Michael Eric Dyson

In his 2016 *New York Times* op-ed piece "Death in Black and White," Michael Eric Dyson moved a nation. Now he continues to speak out in *Tears We Cannot Stop*—a provocative and deeply personal call for change. Dyson argues that if we are to make real racial progress we must face difficult truths, including being honest about how black grievance has been ignored, dismissed, or discounted.

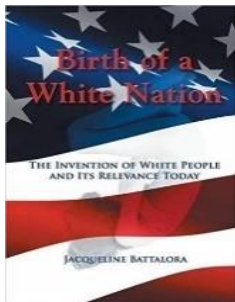


White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism

by Robin DiAngelo

The *New York Times* best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

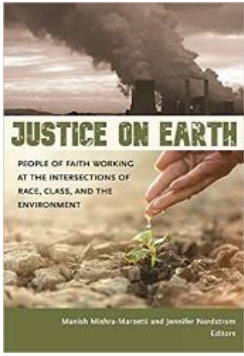
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Birth of a White Nation: The Invention of White People and Its Relevance Today

by Jacqueline Battalora

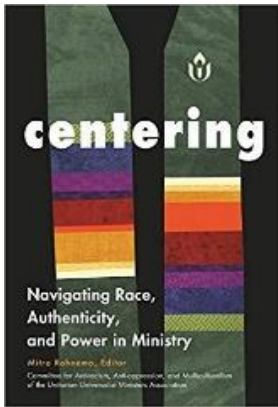
Examines how foundational law and policy in the US were used to institutionalize the practice of “white people” holding positions of power and demonstrates how the social construction and legal enactment of “white people” has ultimately compromised the humanity of those so labeled.



Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class and the Environment

edited by Manish Mishra-Marietta and Jennifer Nordstrom

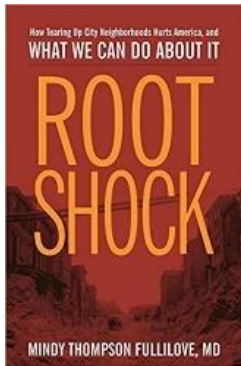
UU thinkers and activists apply a keen intersectional analysis to the environmental crisis, revealing ways that capitalism, white supremacy, patriarchy, and other systems of oppression intersect with and contribute to ecological devastation. Explores how spiritual practices, congregational organizing, and progressive theology can inform faith-based justice work in the 21st century.



Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry

edited by Emitra Rahnema

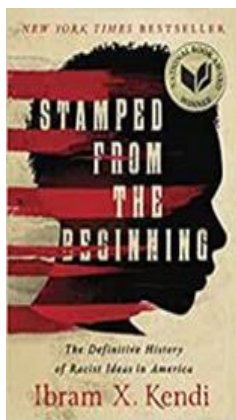
A joint project of the Committee for Antiracism, Anti-oppression, and Multiculturalism of the UUMA and Skinner House Books, Centering is the first book to center the stories, analysis, and insight of Unitarian Universalists of color offering their religious leadership. It explores how racial identity is made both visible and invisible in Unitarian Universalist ministries.



Root Shock: How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America, and What We Can Do About It

by Mindy Thompson Fullilove, MD

Root Shock examines three different U.S. cities, including Roanoke, to unmask the crippling results of decades-old disinvestment in communities of color and the urban renewal practices that ultimately destroyed these neighborhoods for the advantage of developers and the elite.



Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America

by Ibram X. Kendi

In this National Book Award-winning narrative, Kendi chronicles the entire story of anti-Black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history.

New York Times Best Seller!

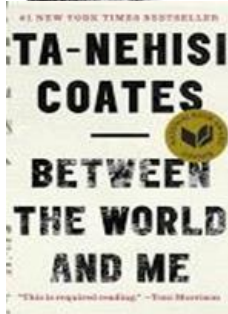


How to Be an Anti-Racist

by Ibram X. Kendi

Kendi's concept of antiracism points us toward new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. Instead of working with the policies and systems we have in place, Kendi asks us to think about what an antiracist society might look like and how we can play an active role in building it.

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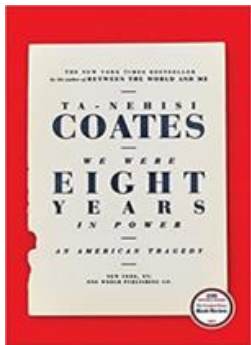


Between the World and Me

by Ta-Nehesi Coates

In this book-length letter to his fifteen-year-old son, Coates weaves his personal, historical, and intellectual development into his ruminations on how to live in a black body in America.

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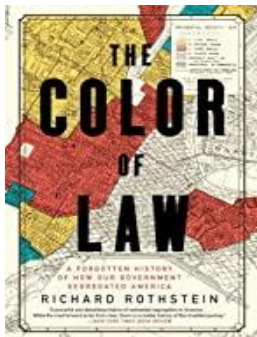


We Were Eight Years in Power

by Ta-Nehesi Coates

A collection of essays by Coates originally published in *The Atlantic* magazine between 2008 and 2016 over the course of the Barack Obama administration.

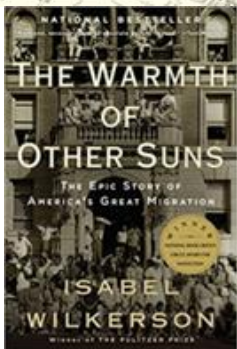
New York Times Best Seller!



The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America

by Richard Rothstein

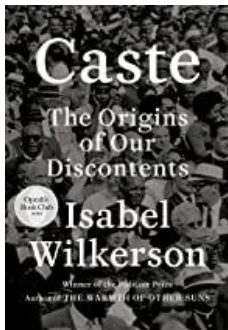
How federal housing policies in the 1940s and '50s mandated segregation and undermined the ability of black families to own homes and build wealth.



The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration

by Isabel Wilkerson

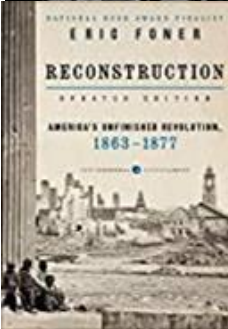
The story of the migration of more than six million southern African Americans to the urban areas of the North and West in hopes of finding a better life for themselves and their families.



Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

by Isabel Wilkerson

Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.



Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution

by Eric Foner

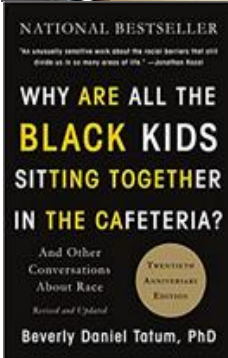
The classic work on the wrenching post-Civil War period, an era whose legacy reverberates in racial attitudes and patterns of race relations in the United States to this day.



Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County: A Family, A Virginia Town, A Civil Rights Battle

by Kristen Green

Combining investigative journalism and a sweeping family narrative, this true story reveals a little-known chapter of American history: the period after the Brown v. Board of Education decision when one Virginia school system refused to integrate.



Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race (20th anniversary edition)

by Beverly Daniel Tatum

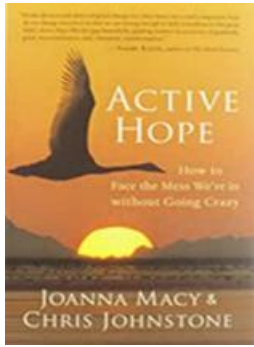
A renowned authority on the psychology of racism argues that straight talk about our racial identities is essential if we are serious about enabling communication across racial and ethnic divides.



Reparations: A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair

by Duke L. Kwon and Gregory Thompson

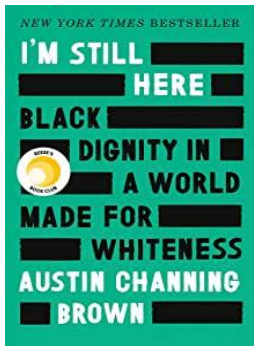
This book makes a compelling historical and theological case for the church's obligation to provide reparations for the oppression of African Americans. The authors articulate the church's responsibility for its promotion and preservation of white supremacy throughout history, investigate the Bible's call to repair our racial brokenness, and offer a vision for the work of reparation at the local level. They lead readers toward a moral imagination that views reparations as a long-overdue and necessary step in our collective journey toward healing and wholeness.



Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in without Going Crazy

by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone

Although this book focuses on climate justice, the principles and guidance the authors provide apply for all social justice issues. Drawing on decades of teaching an empowerment approach known as the Work That Reconnects, the authors guide us through a transformational process informed by mythic journeys, modern psychology, spirituality, and holistic science. This process equips us with tools to face the mess we're in and play our role in the collective transition, or Great Turning, to a life-sustaining society.



I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness

by Austin Channing Brown

In

a time when nearly every institution (schools, churches, universities, businesses) claims to value diversity in its mission statement, Austin writes in breathtaking detail about her journey to self-worth and the pitfalls that kill our attempts at racial justice.

More accessible but edifying; this beautiful memoir helps white liberals “get” the part WE, though not just we, often play in the exhaustion of being Black in America. Easy illuminating read.

Two articles by Ta-Nehisi Coates on reparations.

“**The Case for Reparations**” an article written by Ta-Nehisi Coates and published in The Atlantic in 2014. The article focuses on redlining and housing discrimination through the eyes of people who have experienced it and the devastating effects it has had on the African American community.

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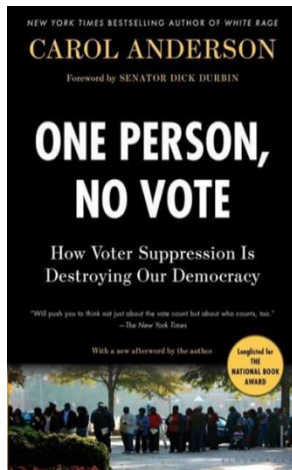
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Read Until You Understand: The Profound Wisdom of Black Life and Literature

by Farah Jasmine Griffin

Griffin has taken to her heart the phrase "read until you understand," a line her father, who died when she was nine, wrote in a note to her. She has made it central to this book about love of the majestic power of words and love of the magnificence of Black life. Exploring these works through such themes as justice, rage, self-determination, beauty, joy, and mercy allows her to move from her aunt's love of yellow roses to Gil Scott-Heron's "Winter in America."



One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy Paperback

by Carol Anderson with foreword by Dick Durbin

A timely and essential history of Black voter suppression. In her New York Times bestseller *White Rage*, Carol Anderson laid bare an insidious history of policies that have systematically impeded black progress in America, from 1865 to our combustible present. With *One Person, No Vote*, she chronicles a related history: the rollbacks to African American participation in the vote since the 2013 Supreme Court decision that eviscerated the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Known as the Shelby ruling, this decision effectively allowed districts with a demonstrated history of racial discrimination to change voting requirements without approval from the Department of Justice. Focusing on the aftermath of Shelby, Anderson follows the astonishing story of government-dictated racial discrimination unfolding before our very eyes as more and more states adopt voter suppression laws.