

Books on our reading list for the Racial Justice Group

The Color of Law (A Forgotten History of how our Government Segregated American)

Richard Rothstein 2018

This was one of the first books I read in the racial justice group. To say I was dumbstruck is the understatement of the year. To read of how the government and the Supreme Court upheld unfair practice all over the country broke my heart.

Just Mercy Bryan Stevenson 2015

Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative a legal practice dedicated to defend the poor, the wrongly condemned and the women and children trapped in our legal system. Powerful book made into a movie.

The Sun Does Shine (How I found Life, Freedom and Justice)

Anthony Ray Hinton 2018

In 1985 Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. Only 29 years old he believed the truth would prove his innocence. 27 years later he had become a beacon to many of his inmates on death row. With the help of Bryan Stevenson he was released in 2015.

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Me and White Supremacy Layla F Saad 2020

This book challenges you to unpack your biases and helps white people to take action and dismantle the privilege within ourselves so that you can stop inflicting damage on people of color.

How to Fight Racism Jemer Tisby 2021

We need to move beyond talking about racism to equipping people with practical tools to fight against it.

How to be an Antiracist Ibram S Kendi 2019

The only way to undo racism is to consistently identify and describe it And then Dismantle it!

Creating a Culture of Repair (Taking action on the road to reparations)

Robert Turner 2024

Faith without works is dead. A good road map for righting past wrongs and building an equal and fair America

So you want to talk about race Ijeoma Oluo 2019

How do we begin those conversations to bridge the gap between all Americans?

Caste (The origins of our Discontents) Isabel Wilkerson 2023

Did you know in America there is a powerful caste system with links to India and Nazi Germany?

The Warmth of Other Suns Isabel Wilkerson 2011

A very readable account of the great migration as the black people of America fled the south for the Northern and Western cities in search of a better life.

The Barn The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi Wright Thompson 2024

This book tells the story of the 1965 murder of Emmitt Till. The book is deeply researched but the the author argues with fervor the South's determination to forget the incident rather than learn from our mistakes. It tells of power, of white supremacy and institutional racism that this day contaminates our entire culture.