

The Sharon Bandlow Multicultural and Racial Justice Collection

Racial Justice Materials in the ULC Library

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Please join the Racial Justice Team in this fight against racism by taking the first step and reading one of these books.

Adult Non-Fiction

070.92 *Grace of Silence* by Michele Norris – A profoundly moving and deeply personal memoir by the co-host of National Public Radio’s flagship program *All Things Considered*. This is a rich and extraordinary family memoir—filled with stories that elegantly explore the power of silence and secrets—that boldly examines racial legacy and what it means to be an American.

RELIGION

200.89 *Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism* by Carolyn B. Helsel - When it comes to discussing racism, many white people are overcome with anxiety, leading to a fight-or-flight response. In *Anxious to Talk About It*, pastor and professor Carolyn B. Helsel draws on her successful experiences with white congregations to offer us tools to embrace and explore these anxious feelings.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

241 *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God’s Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison - Change begins with an honest conversation among a group of Christians willing to give a voice to unspoken hurts, hidden fears, and mounting tensions. These ongoing dialogues have formed the foundation of a global movement called Be the Bridge—a nonprofit organization whose goal is to equip the church to have a distinctive and transformative response to racism and racial division.

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND PRACTICE

248.4 *Love Big: The Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the World* by Rozella Haydee White - In *Love Big*, leadership coach Rozella Haydée White introduces readers to the power of revolutionary relationships. Modeled after the image of God as a lover, these relationships can heal the brokenness of our lives by crossing over the dividing lines of race, gender, religion, orientation, ability, identity, and class to provide relief and inspiration.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

277.3 *God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen Gonzalez -Immigration advocate Karen Gonzalez recounts her family’s migration from the instability of Guatemala to making a new life in Los Angeles and the suburbs of south Florida. Included too, is the sweeping epic of immigrants and refugees in Scripture: Abraham, Hagar, Joseph, Ruth.: these intrepid heroes of the faith cross borders and seek refuge.

277.3 *Woke Church: An Urgent Call for Christians in America to Confront Racism and Injustice* by Eric Mason - Dr. Eric Mason calls the evangelical church to a much-needed reckoning. In a time when many feel confused, complacent, or even angry, he challenges the church to: Be Aware; Be Redemptive ; Be Active .

LUTHERAN CHURCHES

284.1 *One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins* by Emmy Kegler - Whenever we are pushed to the edges, our voices silenced, or our stories dismissed, God goes out after us--seeking us until we are found again. And God is seeking out those whose voices we too quickly silence and dismiss, too. Because God's story is a story of welcome and acceptance for everyone--no exceptions.

RACIAL, ETHNIC GROUPS

305.8 *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin DiAngelo - Antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and “allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to ‘bad people’”. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

305.8 *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the United States* by Lenny Duncan – Duncan, a black preacher in the ELCA, draws a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice.

305.8 *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi - Racism is a powerful system that creates false hierarchies of human value; its warped logic extends beyond race, from the way we regard people of different ethnicities or skin colors to the way we treat people of different sexes, gender identities, and body types. In *How to Be an Antiracist*, Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas—from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities—that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves.

305.8 *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi - The National Book Award winning history of how racist ideas were created, spread, and deeply rooted in American society. As Kendi shows, racist ideas did not arise from ignorance or hatred. They were created to justify and rationalize deeply entrenched discriminatory policies and the nation's racial inequities.

305.8 *So You Want to Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo - Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to "model minorities" in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life.

305.8 *Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein - Widely heralded as a “masterful” (*Washington Post*) and “essential” (*Slate*) history of the modern American metropolis, Richard Rothstein’s *The Color of Law* offers “the most forceful argument ever published on how federal, state, and local governments gave rise to and reinforced neighborhood segregation” (William Julius Wilson).

305.8 *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor* by Layla F. Saad - Based on the viral Instagram challenge that captivated participants worldwide, *Me and White Supremacy* takes readers on a 28-day journey, complete with journal prompts, to do the necessary and vital work that can ultimately lead to improving race relations.

305.8 *Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism* by Jemar Tisby - *The Color of Compromise* is not a call to shame or a platform to blame white evangelical Christians. It is a call from a place of love and desire to fight for a more racially unified church that no longer compromises what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality. A call that challenges black and white Christians alike to stand up *now* and begin implementing the concrete ways Tisby outlines, all for a more equitable and inclusive environment among God's people.

BIOGRAPHY

B Brown *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Brown - *I'm Still Here* is an illuminating look at how white, middle-class, Evangelicalism has participated in an era of rising racial hostility, inviting the reader to confront apathy, recognize God's ongoing work in the world, and discover how blackness—if we let it—can save us all.

Young Adult

YA *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds - The construct of race has always been used to gain and keep power, to create dynamics that separate and silence. This remarkable reimagining of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's National Book Award-winning *Stamped from the Beginning* reveals the history of racist ideas in America and inspires hope for an antiracist future. It takes you on a race journey from then to now, shows you why we feel how we feel, and why the poison of racism lingers. It also proves that while racist ideas have always been easy to fabricate and distribute, they can also be discredited.

Children's Non-Fiction

E 305.8 *Let's Talk about Race* by Julius Lester - The author shares his own story as he explores what makes each of us special. "This stunning picture book introduces race as just one of many chapters in a person's story" (*School Library Journal*). "Lester's poignant picture book helps children learn, grow, discuss, and begin to create a future that resolves differences" (*Children's Literature*).

E 323 *Rosa* by Nikki Giovanni - This tribute to Mrs. Rosa Parks is a celebration of her courageous action and the events that followed.

E 323 *Love Will See You Through: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Six Guiding Beliefs* (as told by his niece) by Angela Farris Watkins - Dr. Watkins details the guiding beliefs of one of the greatest men in history. Including "have courage" and "love your enemies," these six hallmarks of virtue and nonviolence reinforce the truth that "the universe honors love" and will inspire readers of all ages.

E 323 *I Have a Dream* by Martin Luther King Jr. - This beautiful and powerful illustrated edition of King's world-changing "I Have a Dream" speech brings his inspiring message of freedom, equality, and peace to the youngest among us—those who will one day carry his dream forward for everyone."

E 612.7 *All the Colors We Are: The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color* by Katie Kissinger - This twentieth anniversary edition offers young children a simple, scientifically accurate explanation for how we get our skin color.

Children's Fiction

E Blu *Ron's Big Mission* by Rose Blue – This is an inspiring story, based on Ron McNair's life, of how a little boy, future scientist, and *Challenger* astronaut desegregated his library through peaceful resistance.

E Col *Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles - When a judge orders Ruby to attend first grade at William Frantz Elementary, an all-white school, Ruby must face angry mobs of parents who refuse to send their children to school with her.

E Hop *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson – A fictional tale of the Underground Railroad.