

# Books on Race and Reconciliation



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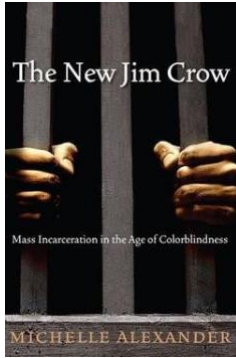
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***The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness***

Michelle Alexander

As Forbes Magazine says, “*The New Jim Crow* offers a devastating account of a legal system doing its job perfectly well. We have simply replaced one caste system (Jim Crow) for another one (imprisonment,

parole, detention) that keeps the majority of minorities in a permanent state of disenfranchisement. [Civil rights lawyer and legal scholar] Alexander looks in detail at what economists usually miss, namely the entire legal structure of the courts, parole, probation and laws that effectively turn a perpetrator of a crime into a moral outlaw who is unworthy of rehabilitation...” (The New Press, 2010).

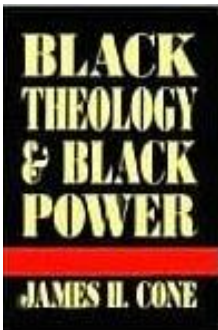


***White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide***

Carol Anderson

A New York Times Bestseller. Since 1865 and the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment, every time African Americans have made advances towards full participation in our democracy, white reaction has fueled a deliberate and relentless

rollback of their gains. The end of the Civil War and Reconstruction was greeted with the Black Codes and Jim Crow; the Supreme Court's landmark 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision was met with the shutting down of public schools throughout the South while taxpayer dollars financed segregated white private schools; the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965 triggered a coded but powerful response, the so-called Southern Strategy and the War on Drugs that disenfranchised millions of African Americans while propelling presidents Nixon and Reagan into the White House, and then the election of America's first black President, led to the expression of white rage that has been as relentless as it has been brutal. Empower West Louisville Book Club 2017. (Bloomsbury, 2016).

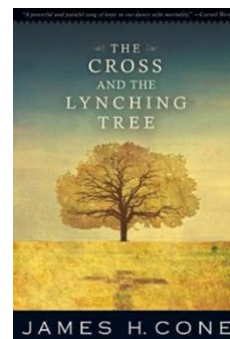


***Black Theology and Black Power***

James H. Cone

Updated and expanded, this classic work from 1969 is a product of the Civil Rights and Black Power movements in America during the 1960's. *Black Theology & Black Power* is James H. Cone's initial

attempt to identify liberation as the heart of the Christian gospel, and blackness as the primary mode of God's presence. As Cone, professor at Union Theological Seminary, explains in an introduction written for this edition, "I wanted to



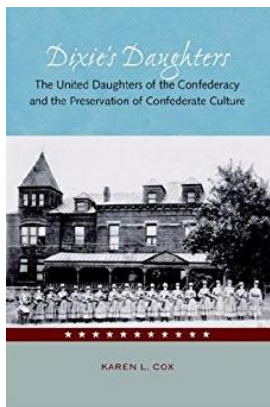
***The Cross and the Lynching Tree***

James H. Cone

Both the cross and the lynching tree represent the worst in human beings and at the same time a thirst for life that refuses to let the worst determine our final meaning. While the lynching tree symbolized white power and black death, the cross symbolizes divine power and black life, Cone, professor God overcoming

the power of sin and death. For African Americans, the image of Jesus, hung on a tree to die, powerfully grounded their faith that God was with them, even in the suffering of the lynching era. (Orbis Books, 2011).

speak on behalf of the voiceless black masses in the name of Jesus whose gospel I believed had been greatly distorted by the preaching and theology of white churches." (Orbis Books, second edition, 1997).

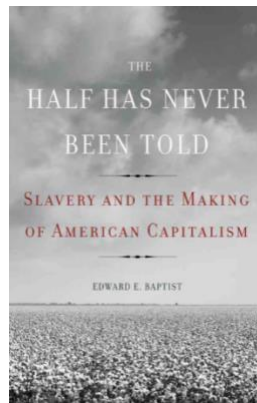


***Dixie's Daughters: The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation of Confederate Culture***

Karen L. Cox

Even without the right to vote, members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy proved to have enormous social and political influence throughout the South—all in the name of

preserving Confederate culture. Karen L. Cox's history of the UDC, an organization founded in 1894 to vindicate the Confederate generation and honor the Lost Cause, shows why myths surrounding the Confederacy continue to endure. (University of Florida Press, 2003).

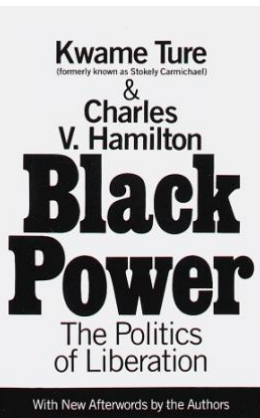


***The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making Of American Capitalism***

Edward Baptist

Told through intimate slave narratives, plantation records, newspapers, and the words of politicians, entrepreneurs, and escaped slaves, *The Half Has Never Been Told* offers a radical new interpretation of American history. It forces readers to reckon with the violence at the root of

American supremacy, but also with the survival and resistance that brought about slavery's end—and created a culture that sustains America's deepest dreams of freedom. Empower West Louisville Book Club 2016. (Basic Books, 2013).

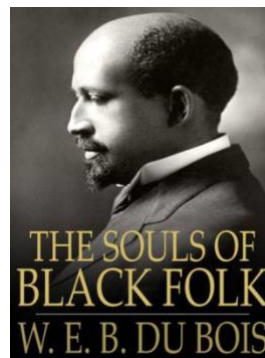


***Black Power: The Politics of Liberation***

Kwame Ture (aka Stokely Carmichael)

A revolutionary work since its publication, *Black Power* exposed the depths of systemic racism in this country and provided a radical political framework for reform: true and lasting social change would only be accomplished through unity

among African-Americans and their independence from the preexisting order. An eloquent document of the civil rights movement that remains a work of profound social relevance 50 years after it was first published. (1966).



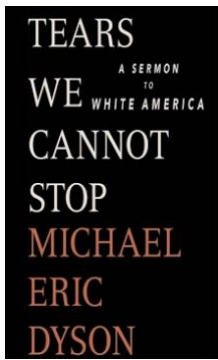
***The Souls of Black Folk***

W. E. B. DuBois

A classic work of American literature, a seminal work in the history of sociology, and a cornerstone of African-American literary history. DuBois drew from his own experiences as an African-American in the American society. Outside of its notable relevance in African-American

history, *The Souls of Black Folk* also holds an important place in social science as one of the early works in the field of sociology. (1903)



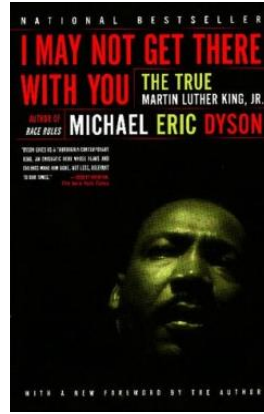


**Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America**

Michael Eric Dyson

As the country grapples with racist division at a level not seen since the 1960s, one man's voice soars above the rest with conviction and compassion. In his 2016 *New York Times* op-ed piece "Death in Black and White," Michael Eric Dyson

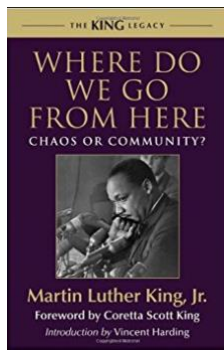
moved a nation. Dyson argues that if we are to make real racial progress we must face difficult truths, including being honest about how black grievance has been ignored, dismissed, or discounted. (2017).



**I May Not Get There With You: The True Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Michael Eric Dyson

Dyson, who contends that Dr. King is arguably "the greatest American who ever lived," seeks to "rescue King from his admirers and deliver him from his foes." (Free Press, 2000).

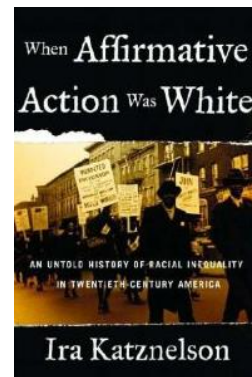


**Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

As Vincent Harding writes, "King believed that the next phase in the movement would bring its own challenges, as African Americans continued to make demands for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, an education equal to that of

whites, and a guarantee that the rights won in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 would be enforced by the federal government. He warned that "The persistence of racism in depth and the dawning awareness that Negro demands will necessitate structural changes in society have generated a new phase of white resistance in North and South." (1967).

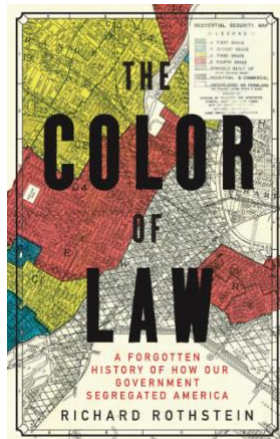


**When Affirmative Action Was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in America**

Ira Katznelson

All the key programs passed during the New Deal and Fair Deal era of the 1930s and 1940s were created in a deeply discriminatory manner. This was no accident. With the United States still in an era of legal segregation, the powerful southern wing of the Democratic Party

provided the framework for Social Security, the GI Bill, and landmark labor laws that helped create the foundations of the modern middle class. Through mechanisms that specifically excluded maids and farmworkers and through laws that kept administration in local hands, the gap between blacks and whites actually widened despite postwar prosperity. (Norton, 2005).

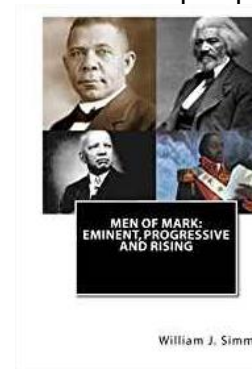


**The Color of Law**

Richard Rothstein

With exacting precision and fascinating insight, the author argues how segregation in America—the incessant kind that continues to dog our major cities and has contributed to so much recent social strife—is the byproduct of explicit government policies at the local, state, and federal levels. One of ten

finalists on the National Book Awards' long list for



**Men of Mark: Eminent, Progressive, Rising**

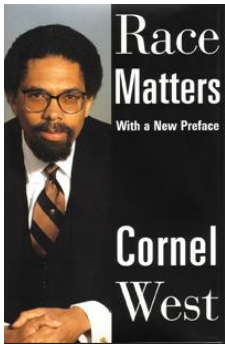
William J. Simmons

A biographical dictionary by the president of the Normal and Theological Institute (now Simmons College) at Louisville, Kentucky, to demonstrate to young men and women that "the Negro race is still alive, and must possess more intellectual vigor

than any other section of the human family." It contains entries for 177 of the most widely-known, accomplished, and influential African American men of the nineteenth century. Politicians, educators, inventors, religious

the best nonfiction book of 2017.  
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2018. (Liveright, 2017).

figures, authors, soldiers, and others are presented as examples to be followed by "intelligent, aspiring young people everywhere." (Rewell, 1887).

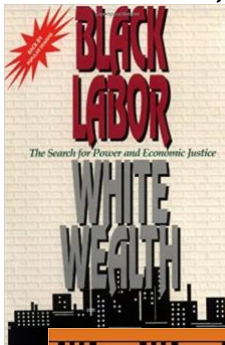


**Race Matters**

Cornel West

In essays that challenge the nature of racial discourse in America, the director of Princeton's Afro-American Studies program, professor of religion, and self-described "intellectual freedom-fighter" calls for moral regeneration and profound social change. West is consistently effective at pointing out how the intellectual frameworks used by both whites and blacks- as well as by liberals and (neo)conservatives- impede true progress and understanding--whether the issue is affirmative action, black nihilism, or the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings. (Beacon Press, 1993).

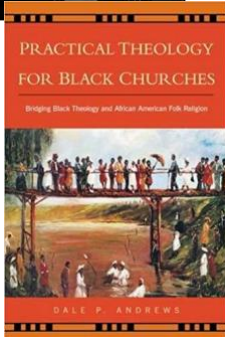
**Black Labor, White Wealth: The Search for Power and Economic Justice**



Claud Anderson

Dr. Anderson tracks slavery and Jim Crow public policies that used black labor to construct a superpower nation. His book details how black people were socially engineered into the lowest level of a real life Monopoly game, which they are neither playing nor winning. Black Labor is a comprehensive analysis of the issues of race that Dr. Anderson uses to offer solutions to America's race problem.

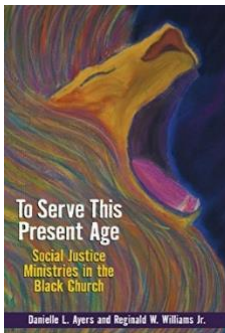
**Practical Theology for Black Churches: Bridging Black Theology & African American Folk Religion**



Dale P. Andrews

The rift between black theology, with its social and political concerns, and black churches, with their emphases on pastoral care and piety, has been growing. Here, Dale Andrews offers a way to bridge this gap by redefining the paradigm of church as "refuge" in terms of a faith identity that brings together a concern for liberation with a pastoral focus on spirituality. This faith identity emerges from dominant biblical themes that shape preaching and pastoral care.

Andrews' insightful analysis of the gulf between black churches and black theology reveals the invasive influence of individualism in black religious life as well as the shared values for social change and care of the soul. Notably, it is this influence of individualism that has disrupted communal solidarity and brought about the neglect of liberation ethics within black church life. This practical theology will contribute greatly towards renewing the pastoral and prophetic ministry of black religious life.

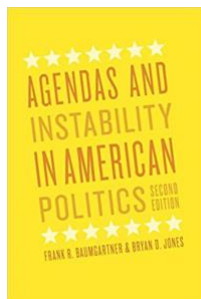


**To Serve This Present Age: Social Justice Ministries in the Black Church**

Danielle L. Ayres and Reginald W. Williams Jr.

At a time when the African American church is increasingly associated with the controversial prosperity gospel, pastors Danielle Ayres and Reginald Williams remind black church leaders of the prophetic call to do justice. Exploring first the biblical foundations for justice work that goes beyond charity, the authors also recall the storied history of the black churches leadership in the Civil Rights Movement. From there, this practical resource establishes the contemporary need for justice ministries in the congregation

and the community. From initiatives of care and education to programs of action and collaboration, discover the transforming impact the church can have on society, culture, and community through diverse social justice ministries. Features Spotlights on real-life ministries and initiatives, common justice issues, and a resource guide to assist in the creation and sustaining of ministries of justice.

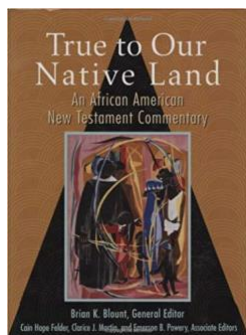


### ***Agendas and Instability in American Politics***

Frank R. Baumgartner and Bryan D. Jones

Offering a profoundly original account of how policy issues rise and fall on the national agenda, Bryan Jones and Frank Baumgartner refine their influential argument and expand it to illuminate the workings of democracies beyond the United States.

The authors retain all the substance of their contention that short-term, single-issue analyses cast public policy too narrowly as the result of cozy and dependable arrangements among politicians, interest groups, and the media. Jones and Baumgartner provide a different interpretation by taking the long view of several issues—including nuclear energy, urban affairs, smoking, and auto safety—to demonstrate that bursts of rapid, unpredictable policy change punctuate the patterns of stability more frequently associated with government. Featuring a new introduction and two additional chapters, this updated edition ensures that their findings will remain a touchstone of policy studies for many years to come.

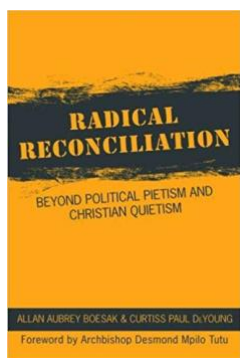


### ***True to Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary***

Brian K. Blount and Cain Hope Felder

This pioneering commentary sets biblical interpretation firmly in the context of African American experience and concern. Cutting-edge scholarship that is in tune with African American churches calls into question many of the canons of traditional biblical research and highlights the role of the Bible in African American history, accenting themes of ethnicity, class, slavery, and African heritage as these play a role in Christian scripture and the Christian odyssey of an emancipated people. Contributors include the volume

editors, Thomas Hoyt, Ann Holmes Redding, Vincent Wimbush, and sixteen other notable scholars.



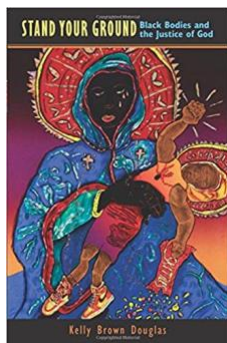
### ***Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian Quietism***

Alan Boesak and Curtiss Paul DeYoung

This book calls for reconciliation in society that is radical, that goes to the roots. Too many initiatives for reconciliation, fail to remove the weeds of injustice at the roots, and thus stop short of completing the work required. Such political arrangements usually favor the rich and powerful, but deprive the powerless of justice and dignity. This is a form of political pietism, and when Christians refuse to name this situation for what it is, they are practicing Christian quietism. True reconciliation is radical.

In this book the authors a South African prominent in the struggle against apartheid, and a white U.S. theologian who has served in pastoral roles in multi-racial congregations offer a vision of reconciliation and social justice grounded in the biblical story and their own experience of activism. After re-examining the meaning of reconciliation in the biblical context, the authors

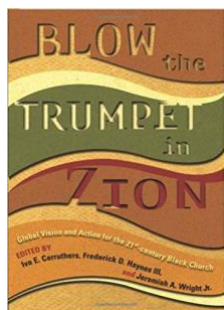
examine Jesus role as a radical reconciler and prophet of social justice. They go on to examine the role of reconciliation in religious communities and in the wider society.



***Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God***

Kelly Brown Douglas

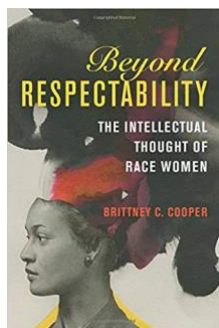
The 2012 killing of Trayvon Martin, an African-American teenager in Florida, and the subsequent acquittal of his killer, brought public attention to controversial "Stand Your Ground" laws. The verdict, as much as the killing, sent shock waves through the African-American community, recalling a history of similar deaths, and the long struggle for justice. On the Sunday morning following the verdict, black preachers around the country addressed the question, "Where is the justice of God? What are we to hope for?" This book is an attempt to take seriously social and theological questions raised by this and similar stories, and to answer black church people's questions of justice and faith in response to the call of God. But Kelly Brown Douglas also brings another significant interpretative lens to this text: that of a mother. "There has been no story in the news that has troubled me more than that of Trayvon Martin's slaying. Her book will also affirm the "truth" of a black mother's faith in these times of stand your ground.



***Blow the Trumpet in Zion!: Global Vision and Action for the 21st Century Black Church***

Iva E. Carruthers and Frederick D. Haynes III

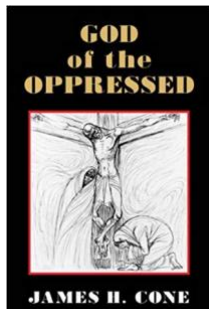
This volume's contributors--dynamic and progressive African American church leaders--advocate the prophetic powers of black theology, preaching, and evangelism in support of community and economic development, ministerial and lay leadership, and enhancement of church life. Among the writers are Charles G. Adams, Randall C. Bailey, James H. Cone, James A. Forbes, Jacquelyn Grant, Obery Hendricks, Asa G. Hilliard, Dwight N. Hopkins, Cecil Murray, and Gayraud Wilmore. All were presenters in 2004 at the first Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, established to reinvigorate the social justice agenda of America's black churches.



***Beyond Respectability: The Intellectual Thought of Race Women***

Brittney C. Cooper

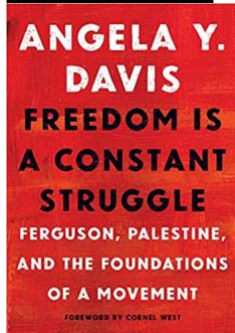
*Beyond Respectability* charts the development of African American women as public intellectuals and the evolution of their thought from the end of the 1800s through the Black Power era of the 1970s. Eschewing the Great Race Man paradigm so prominent in contemporary discourse, Brittney C. Cooper looks at the far-reaching intellectual achievements of female thinkers and activists like Anna Julia Cooper, Mary Church Terrell, Fannie Barrier Williams, Pauli Murray, and Toni Cade Bambara. Cooper delves into the processes that transformed these women and others into racial leadership figures, including long-overdue discussions of their theoretical output and personal experiences. As Cooper shows, their body of work critically reshaped our understandings of race and gender discourse. It also confronted entrenched ideas of how--and who--produced racial knowledge.



### ***God of the Oppressed***

James H. Cone

In his reflections on God, Jesus, suffering, and liberation, James H. Cone relates the gospel message to the experience of the black community. But a wider theme of the book is the role that social and historical context plays in framing the questions we address to God as well as the mode of the answers provided.

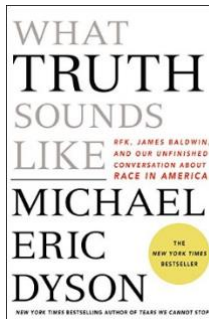


### ***Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement***

Angela Y. Davis and Frank Barat

In these newly collected essays, interviews, and speeches, world-renowned activist and scholar Angela Y. Davis illuminates the connections between struggles against state violence and oppression throughout history and around the world.

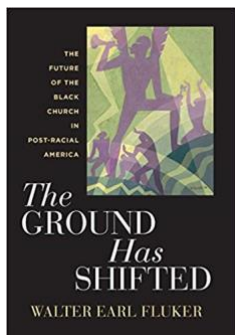
Reflecting on the importance of black feminism, intersectionality, and prison abolitionism for today's struggles, Davis discusses the legacies of previous liberation struggles, from the Black Freedom Movement to the South African anti-Apartheid movement. She highlights connections and analyzes today's struggles against state terror, from Ferguson to Palestine.



### ***What Truth Sounds Like: Robert F. Kennedy, James Baldwin, and Our Unfinished Conversation About Race in America***

Michael Eric Dyson

Georgetown University professor and author Michael Eric Dyson unpacks a 1963 meeting between Kennedy, Baldwin, and a group of leading artists and activists from the black community. As Dyson told *All Things Considered* host Jami Floyd, Kennedy went into the meeting wanting to know why black people were gravitating towards rage instead of the nonviolence being preached by Martin Luther King, Jr. —but he wasn't prepared for the answers he got. <https://www.wnyc.org/story/robert-f-kennedy-james-baldwin-and-our-unfinished-conversation-race/>



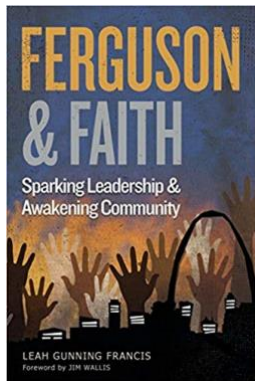
### ***The Ground Has Shifted: The Future of the Black Church in Post-Racial America***

Walter Earl Fluker

Walter Earl Fluker passionately and thoroughly discusses the historical and current role of the black church and argues that the older race-based language and metaphors of religious discourse have outlived their utility. He offers instead a larger, global vision for the black church that focuses on young black men and other disenfranchised groups who have been left behind in a world of globalized capital.

Lyrical written with an emphasis on the dynamic and fluid movement of life itself, Fluker argues that the church must find new ways to use race as an emancipatory instrument if it is to remain central in black life, and he points the way for a new generation of church leaders,

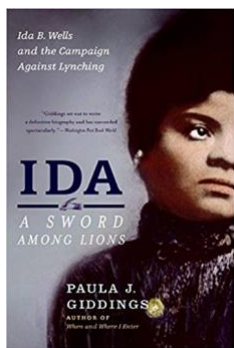
scholars and activists to reclaim the black church's historical identity and to turn to the task of infusing character, civility, and a sense of community among its congregants.



### ***Ferguson and Faith: Sparking Leadership and Awakening Community***

Leah Gunning Francis and Jim-Wallis (Foreword)

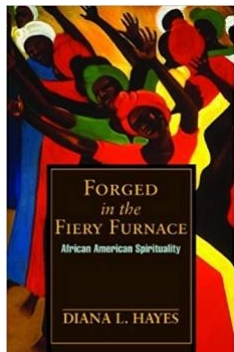
The shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, reignited a long-smoldering movement for justice, with many St. Louis-area clergy stepping up to support the emerging young leaders of today's Civil Rights Movement. Seminary professor Leah Gunning Francis was among the activists, and her interviews with more than two dozen faith leaders and with the new movement's organizers take us behind the scenes of the continuing protests. *Ferguson and Faith* demonstrates that being called to lead a faithful life can take us to places we never expected to go, with people who never expected us to join hands with them.



### ***Ida: A Sword Among Lions: Ida B. Wells and the Campaign Against Lynching***

Paula J Giddings

Heralded as a landmark achievement upon publication, *Ida: A Sword Among Lions* is a sweeping narrative about a country and a crusader embroiled in the struggle against lynching—a practice that imperiled not only the lives of black men and women, but also a nation based on law and riven by race. At the center of the national drama is Ida B. Wells (1862-1931). Born to slaves in Mississippi, Wells began her activist career by refusing to leave a first-class ladies' car on a Memphis railway and rose to lead the nation's first campaign against lynching. For Wells, the key to the rise in violence was embedded in attitudes not only about black men, but also about women and sexuality. Her independent perspective and percussive personality gained her encomiums as a hero—as well as aspersions on her character and threats of death. Exiled from the South by 1892, Wells subsequently took her campaign across the country and throughout the British Isles before she married and settled in Chicago. There she continued her activism as a journalist, suffragist, and independent candidate in the rough-and-tumble world of the Windy City's politics. With meticulous research and vivid rendering of her subject, Giddings also provides compelling portraits of twentieth-century progressive luminaries, blacks and whites who worked with Wells during some of the most tumultuous periods in American history. In this groundbreaking work, Paula J. Giddings brings to life the irrepressible personality of Ida B. Wells and gives the visionary reformer her due.

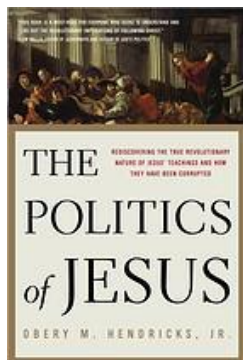


### ***Forged in the Fiery Furnace: African American Spirituality***

Diana Hayes

African American spirituality was forged in the fiery furnace of slavery, segregation, and ongoing racial discrimination in both church and society. But African Americans are a people who are strengthened rather than weakened by their experience. This volume traces how African Americans have articulated their faith and love of God in language, song, and daily living. Beginning with its spiritual roots in Africa, Hayes shows how African American spirituality encompassed and incorporated the experience of slavery and the encounter with Christianity. Remarkably, African American slaves were able to find in the religion of their oppressors a message of hope, affirmation, and resistance. Through stories, song, distinctive forms of prayer, celebration,

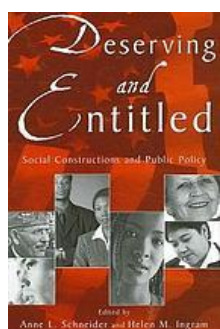
and prophetic witness, Hayes shows how the spirituality of African Americans has nurtured their survival as well as promoting action on behalf of the community and the greater society.



***The Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering the True Revolutionary Nature of the Teachings of Jesus and How They Have Been Corrupted***

Obery M. Hendricks

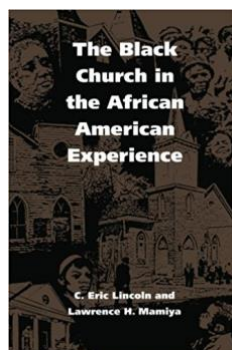
Who was Jesus? And how was this first-century political revolutionary, whose teachings are meant to lead the way to freedom, turned into a meek and mild servant of the status quo? How is it possible to profess a belief in Jesus, yet ignore the suffering of the poor and the needy? Just how truly faithful to the vision of Jesus are the many politicians who claim to be Christian? These are the kinds of questions Obery Hendricks, a biblical scholar, activist, and minister, asks in this provocative new book. In this day and age of heated political debate, Hendricks's *The Politics of Jesus* stands out as much for its brilliant re-creation of the life and mind of Jesus of Nazareth as for its scathing critique of modern politicians "of faith."



***Deserving and Entitled: Social Constructions and Public Policy***

Anne L. Schneider and Helen M. Ingram

Public policy in the United States is marked by a contradiction between the American ideal of equality and the reality of an underclass of marginalized and disadvantaged people who are widely viewed as undeserving and incapable. *Deserving and Entitled* provides a close inspection of many different policy arenas showing how the use of power and the manipulation of images have made it appear both natural and appropriate that some target populations benefit from policy, while others do not. [http://www.worldcat.org/title/deserving-and-entitled-social-constructions-and-public-policy/oclc/62734652&referer=brief\\_results](http://www.worldcat.org/title/deserving-and-entitled-social-constructions-and-public-policy/oclc/62734652&referer=brief_results)



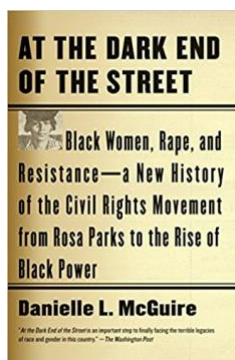
***The Black Church in the African American Experience***

C. Eric Lincoln and Lawrence H. Mamiya

Black churches in America have long been recognized as the most independent, stable, and dominant institutions in black communities. In *The Black Church in the African American Experience*, based on a ten-year study, is the largest nongovernmental study of urban and rural churches ever undertaken and the first major field study on the subject since the 1930s.

Drawing on interviews with more than 1,800 black clergy in both urban and rural settings, combined with a comprehensive historical overview of seven mainline black denominations, C. Eric Lincoln and Lawrence H. Mamiya present an analysis of the Black Church as it relates to the history of African Americans and to contemporary black culture. In examining both the internal structure of the Church and the reactions of the Church to external, societal changes, the authors provide important insights into the Church's relationship to politics, economics, women, youth, and music. Among other topics, Lincoln and Mamiya discuss the attitude of the clergy toward women pastors, the reaction of the Church to the civil rights movement, the attempts of the Church to involve young people, the impact of the black consciousness movement and Black Liberation Theology and clergy, and trends that will define the Black Church well into the next century.

This study is complete with a comprehensive bibliography of literature on the black experience in religion.

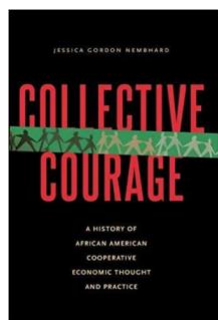


***At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape, and Resistance--A New History of the Civil Rights Movement from Rosa Parks to the Rise of Black Power***

Danielle L. McGuire

Rosa Parks was often described as a sweet and reticent elderly woman whose tired feet caused her to defy segregation on Montgomery's city buses, and whose supposedly solitary, spontaneous act sparked the 1955 bus boycott that gave birth to the civil rights movement. The truth of who Rosa Parks was and what really lay beneath the 1955 boycott is far different from anything previously written.

In this groundbreaking and important book, Danielle McGuire writes about the rape in 1944 of a twenty-four-year-old mother and sharecropper, Recy Taylor, who strolled toward home after an evening of singing and praying at the Rock Hill Holiness Church in Abbeville, Alabama. Seven white men, armed with knives and shotguns, ordered the young woman into their green Chevrolet, raped her, and left her for dead. The president of the local NAACP branch office sent his best investigator and organizer--Rosa Parks--to Abbeville. In taking on this case, Parks launched a movement that exposed a ritualized history of sexual assault against black women and added fire to the growing call for change.



***Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice***

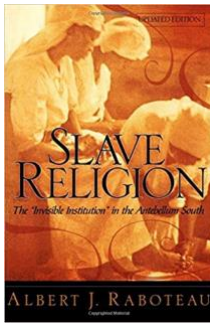
Jessica Gordon Nembhard

In *Collective Courage*, Jessica Gordon Nembhard chronicles African American cooperative business ownership and its place in the movements for Black civil rights and economic equality. Not since W. E. B. Du Bois's 1907 *Economic Co-operation Among Negro Americans* has there been a full-length, nationwide study of African American cooperatives. *Collective Courage* extends that story into the twenty-first century. Many of the players are well known in the history of the African American experience: Du Bois, A.

Philip Randolph and the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Nannie Helen Burroughs, Fannie Lou Hamer, Ella Jo Baker, George Schuyler and the Young Negroes' Co-operative League, the Nation of Islam, and the Black Panther Party. Adding the cooperative movement to Black history results in a retelling of the African American experience, with an increased understanding of African American collective economic agency and grassroots economic organizing.

To tell the story, Gordon Nembhard uses a variety of newspapers, period magazines, and journals; co-ops' articles of incorporation, minutes from annual meetings, newsletters, budgets, and income statements; and scholarly books, memoirs, and biographies. These sources reveal the achievements and challenges of Black co-ops, collective economic action, and social entrepreneurship. Gordon Nembhard finds that African Americans, as well as other people of color and low-income people, have benefitted greatly from cooperative ownership and democratic economic participation throughout the nation's history.

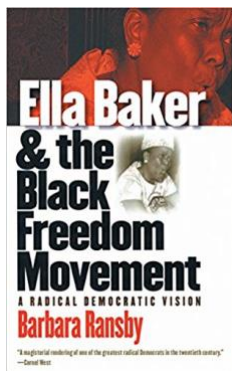




***Slave Religion: The "Invisible Institution" in the Antebellum South***

Albert J. Raboteau

Twenty-five years after its original publication, *Slave Religion* remains a classic in the study of African American history and religion. In a new chapter in this anniversary edition, author Albert J. Raboteau reflects upon the origins of the book, the reactions to it over the past twenty-five years, and how he would write it differently today. Using a variety of first and second-hand sources-- some objective, some personal, all riveting-- Raboteau analyzes the transformation of the African religions into evangelical Christianity. He presents the narratives of the slaves themselves, as well as missionary reports, travel accounts, folklore, black autobiographies, and the journals of white observers to describe the day-to-day religious life in the slave communities. *Slave Religion* is a must-read for anyone wanting a full picture of this "invisible institution."



***Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision (Gender and American Culture)***

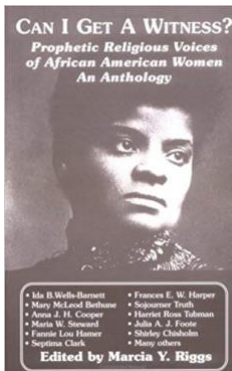
Barbara Ransby

One of the most important African American leaders of the twentieth century and perhaps the most influential woman in the civil rights movement, Ella Baker (1903-1986) was an activist whose remarkable career spanned fifty years and touched thousands of lives.

A gifted grassroots organizer, Baker shunned the spotlight in favor of vital behind-the-scenes work that helped power the black freedom struggle. She was a national officer and key figure in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, one of the founders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and a prime mover in the creation of the

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Baker made a place for herself in predominantly male political circles that included W. E. B. Du Bois, Thurgood Marshall, and Martin Luther King Jr., all the while maintaining relationships with a vibrant group of women, students, and activists both black and white.

In this deeply researched biography, Barbara Ransby chronicles Baker's long and rich political career as an organizer, an intellectual, and a teacher, from her early experiences in depression-era Harlem to the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Ransby shows Baker to be a complex figure whose radical, democratic worldview, commitment to empowering the black poor, and emphasis on group-centered, grassroots leadership set her apart from most of her political contemporaries. Beyond documenting an extraordinary life, the book paints a vivid picture of the African American fight for justice and its intersections with other progressive struggles worldwide across the twentieth century.

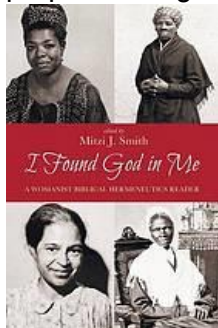


***Can I Get a Witness? Prophetic Religious Voices of African American Women: An Anthology***

Marcia Riggs

Assembling a chorus of voices from history, *Can I Get A Witness?* chronicles African American women's lives as faithful witnesses to the prophetic dimensions of the Gospel, from slavery times to the present. Using touchstones of significant moments - slavery and emancipation, the Great Awakening and suffragism, women's clubs and missionary movements, and the great Civil Rights struggles - *Can I Get A Witness?* documents the crucial links between faith and the struggle for justice that forms the basis of the contemporary womanist movement." "Many African American women, famous or not, are represented, including Sojourner

Truth, Harriet Tubman, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Mary McLeod Bethune, Fannie Lou Hamer, Shirley Chisholm, and many others. Whether confessional, homiletic, political, or poetic, their voices bear witness on the part of African American women to the God who created, redeemed, and sustained them for the work of liberation. <http://www.worldcat.org/title/can-i-get-a-witness-prophetic-religious-voices-of-african-american-women-an-anthology/oclc/36051125>

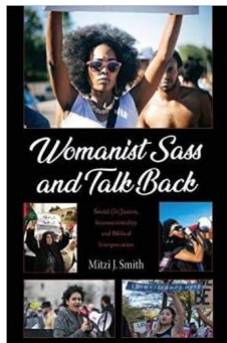


***I Found God in Me: A Womanist Biblical Hermeneutics Reader***

Mitzi J Smith

I Found God in Me is the first womanist biblical hermeneutics reader. In it readers have access, in one volume, to articles on womanist interpretative theories and theology as well as cutting-edge womanist readings of biblical texts by womanist biblical scholars. This book is an excellent resource for women of color, pastors, and seminarians interested in relevant readings of the biblical text, as well as scholars and teachers teaching courses in womanist biblical hermeneutics, feminist interpretation, African American hermeneutics, and biblical courses that value diversity and dialogue as cru.

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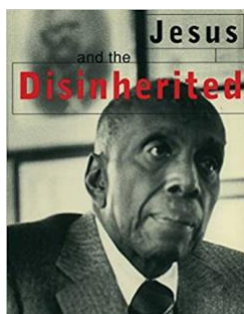


***Womanist Sass and Talk Back: Social (In)Justice, Intersectionality, and Biblical Interpretation***

Mitzi J. Smith

Womanist Sass and Talk Back is a contextual resistance text for readers interested in social (in)justice. Smith raises our consciousness about pressing contemporary social (in)justice issues that impact communities of color and the larger society. Systemic or structural oppression and injustices, police profiling and brutality, oppressive pedagogy, and gendered violence are placed in dialogue with sacred (con)texts. This book provides fresh intersectional readings of sacred (con)texts that are accessible to both scholars and nonscholars. Womanist Sass and Talk Back is for readers

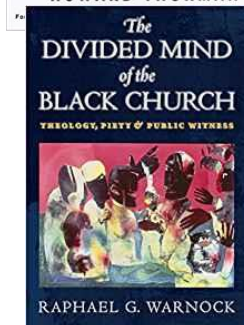
interested in critical interpretations of sacred (con)texts (ancient and contemporary) and in propagating the justice and love of God while engaging those (con)texts.



***Jesus and the Disinherited***

Howard Thurman

In this classic theological treatise, the acclaimed theologian and religious leader Howard Thurman (1900-1981) demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism. Hatred does not empower--it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail.



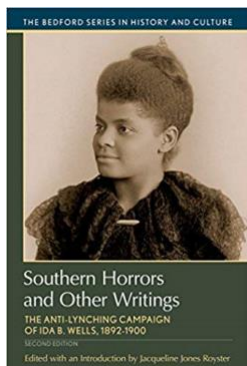
***The Divided Mind of the Black Church: Theology, Piety, and Public Witness***

Raphael G. Warnock

What is the true nature and mission of the church? Is its proper Christian purpose to save souls, or to transform the social order? This question is especially fraught when the church is one built by an enslaved people and formed, from its beginning, at the center of an oppressed community's fight for personhood and freedom. Such is the central tension in the identity and mission of the black church in the United States.

For decades the black church and black theology have held each other at arm's length. Black theology has emphasized the role of Christian faith in addressing racism and other forms of oppression, arguing that Jesus urged his disciples to seek the freedom of all peoples. Meanwhile, the black church, even when focused on social concerns, has often emphasized personal piety rather than social protest. With the rising influence of white evangelicalism, biblical fundamentalism, and the prosperity gospel, the divide has become even more pronounced.

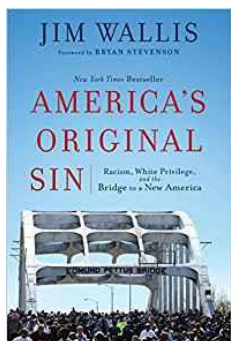
In *The Divided Mind of the Black Church*, Raphael G. Warnock, Senior Pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, the spiritual home of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., traces the historical significance of the rise and development of black theology as an important conversation partner for the black church. Calling for honest dialogue between black and womanist theologians and black pastors, this fresh theological treatment demands a new look at the church's essential mission.



***Southern Horrors and Other Writings: The Anti-Lynching Campaign of Ida B. Wells, 1892-1900***

Jacqueline Jones Royster

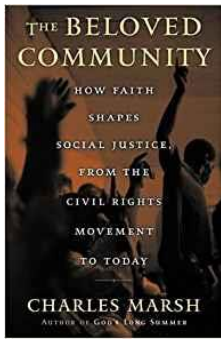
Ida B. Wells was an African American woman who achieved national and international fame as a journalist, public speaker, and community activist at the turn of the twentieth century. In this new edition Jacqueline Jones Royster sheds light on the specific events, such as the yellow fever epidemic, that spurred Wells's progression towards activism. Wells's role as a public figure is further explored in the newly included excerpt from Wells's autobiography, *Crusade for Justice*, which focuses on a crucial moment in her campaign, her first British tour, when Wells gained leverage in pushing lynching to a higher level of attention nationally and internationally. As Wells's writings continue to play a key role in understanding both complex race relations and peace and justice as global concepts, *Southern Horrors: Lynch Law in All Its Phases* and *A Red Record* have been retained in the second edition. Features such as a chronology, questions for consideration, a bibliography, and an index are also included to aid students' understanding of the historical context and significance of Ida B. Wells's work.



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

Jim Wallis

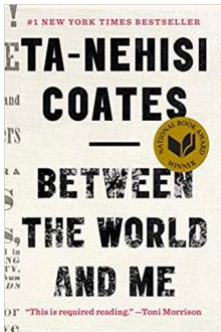
In *America's Original Sin*, Wallis offers a prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so deeply ingrained in American society. It is faith communities that can lead the way to grassroots change in the face of divided cultures and gridlocked power structures. This book shows people of faith how they can work together to overcome the embedded racism in America. (Brazos Press, 2017)



***The Beloved Community: How Faith Shapes Social Justice from the Civil Rights Movement to Today***

Charles Marsh

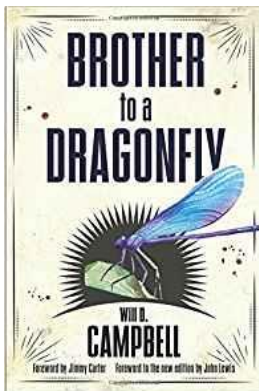
Speaking to his supporters at the end of the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1956, Martin Luther King Jr., declared that their common goal was not simply the end of segregation as an institution. Rather, “the end is reconciliation, the end is redemption, the end is the creation of the beloved community.” Standing courageously on the Judeo-Christian foundations of their moral commitments, civil rights leaders sought to transform the social and political realities of 20<sup>th</sup> Century America. In *The Beloved Community*, Marsh shows that the same spiritual vision that animated the civil rights movement remains a vital source of moral energy today. *The Beloved Community* lays out an exuberant new vision for progressive Christianity and reclaims the centrality of faith in the quest for social justice and authentic community. (Basic Books, 2006)



***Between the World and Me***

Ta-Nehisi Coates

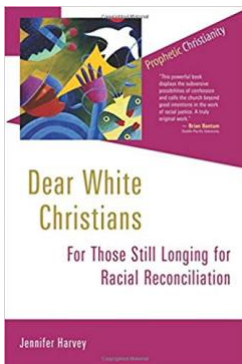
Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation’s history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of “race,” a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men – bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. With his unique blend of experiential narrative, Coates illuminates the past, bravely confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward. (Spiegel and Grau, 2015)



***Brother to a Dragonfly***

Will Campbell

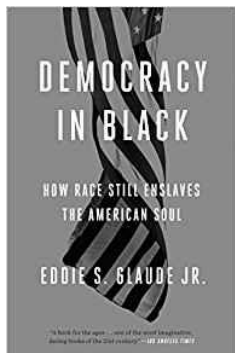
This is the memoir of preacher, author, and civil rights activist Will Campbell. Campbell was a Mississippi born, Tennessee based Baptist preacher, activist, author, lecturer, and farmer. *Brother to a Dragonfly* shares two interrelated stories. The first is of Campbell’s youth in rural Mississippi and his devotion to his brother whose life ended in seeming tragedy. The other story tells of his ordination at age 17 and gradual realization that civil rights for blacks, women, and the LGBT community was an essential part of a ministry that has not yet ended. (University Press of Mississippi, 2018)



***Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation***

Jennifer Harvey

In this book, Harvey argues for a radical shift in how justice committed white Christians think about race. She calls for moving away from a reconciliation paradigm and instead embracing a reparations paradigm. A deeply constructive, hopeful work, *Dear White Christians* will help readers envision new racial possibilities, including concrete examples of contemporary reparations initiatives. (Eerdmans, 2014)

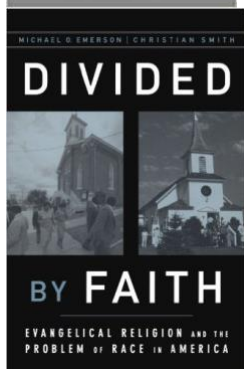


### ***Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslave the American Soul***

Eddie S. Glaude Jr

America's great promise of equality has always rung hollow in the ears of African Americans. It is clear that black America faces an emergency.

*Democracy in Black* is Glaude's impassioned response. Glaude argues that we live in a country founded on a "value gap" – with white lives valued more than others – that still distorts our politics today. Glaude crystallizes the untenable position of black America and offers thoughts on a better way forward. (Broadway Books, 2017)

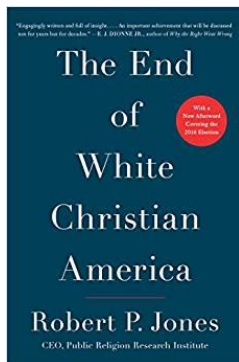


### ***Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America***

Michael Emerson and Christian Smith

Through a nationwide telephone survey and face to face interviews, Emerson and Smith probed the grassroots of white evangelical America. They found that despite recent efforts by the movement's leaders to address the problem of racial discrimination, evangelicals themselves seem to be preserving America's racial chasm. In fact, most white evangelicals see no systematic discrimination against blacks. Emerson and Smith contend that the evangelical movement's emphasis on individualism, free will, and personal relationships that makes invisible the pervasive injustice that perpetuates racial inequality. In the end, they conclude that despite the

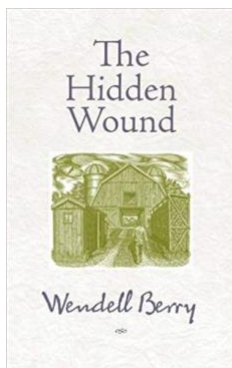
best intentions of evangelical leaders and some positive trends, real racial reconciliation remains far over the horizon. (Oxford University Press, 2001)



### ***The End of White Christian America***

Robert P. Jones

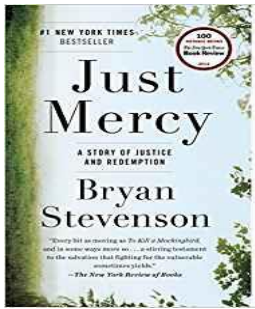
Jones spells out the profound political and cultural consequences of a new reality – that America is no longer a majority white Christian nation. *The End of White Christian America* explains and analyzes the waning vitality of White Christian America. Jones argues that the visceral nature of today's most heated issues can only be understood against the backdrop of white Christians' anxieties as America's racial and religious topography shifts around them. Looking ahead, Jones forecasts the ways that White Christian America might adjust to find their place in the new America and the consequences for us all if they don't. (Simon and Schuster, 2017)



### ***The Hidden Wound***

Wendell Berry

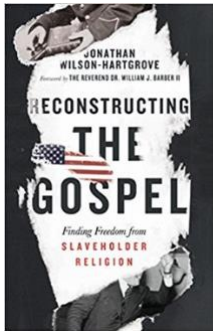
*The Hidden Wound* is an essay about racism and the damage that it has done to the identity of our country. Through Berry's personal experience, he explains how remaining passive in the face of the struggle of racism further corrodes America's potential. In a quiet and observant manner, Berry opens up about how his attempt to discuss racism is rooted in the hope that someday the historical wound will begin to heal. (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Counterpoint, 2010)



### ***Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption***

Bryan Stevenson

A powerful, true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time. *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 who he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice. (Spiegel and Grau, 2015)

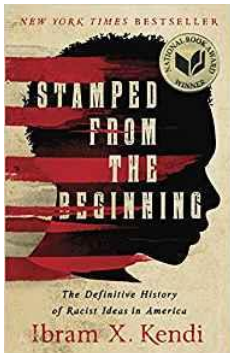


### ***Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion***

Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

Wilson-Hartgrove grew up in the American South as a faithful church-going Christian. But he gradually came to realize that the gospel his Christianity proclaimed was not good news for everybody. The same Christianity that sang, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound" also perpetuated racial injustice and white supremacy in the name of Jesus. His Christianity, he discovered, was the religion of the slaveholder. Just as Reconstruction after the Civil War worked to repair a desperately broken society, our compromised Christianity requires a spiritual reconstruction that undoes the injustices of the past.

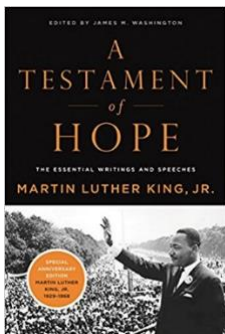
Wilson-Hartgrove traces his journey from the religion of the slaveholder to the Christianity of Christ. Reconstructing the gospel requires facing the pain of the past and present, from racial blindness to systemic abuses of power. Grappling seriously with troubling history and theology, Wilson-Hartgrove recovers the subversiveness of the gospel that sustained the church through centuries of slavery and oppression, from the civil rights era to the Black Lives Matter movement and beyond. (IVP Books, 2018)



### ***Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America***

Ibram X. Kendi

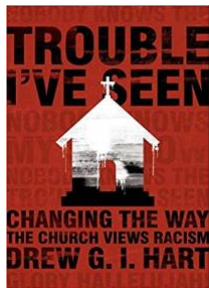
In this deeply researched and fast moving narrative, Kendi chronicles the entire story of anti-Black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history. *Stamped from the Beginning* uses the life stories of five major American intellectuals to offer a window into the contentious debates between assimilationists and segregationists and between racists and antiracists. Kendi shows how and why some of our leading proslavery and pro-Civil Rights thinkers have challenged or helped cement racist ideas in America. (Nation Books, 2017)



### ***A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches***

Martin Luther King Jr – author and James Washington – editor

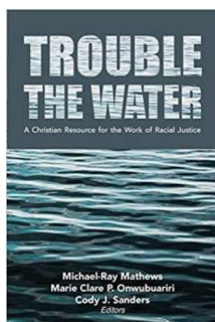
This is the only one volume, major collection of Dr. King's writings, speeches, interviews, and autobiographical reflections. *A Testament of Hope* contains Dr. King's essential thoughts on nonviolence, social policy, integration, black nationalism, the ethics of love and hope, and more. (HarperOne, 2003)



***Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism***

Drew Hart

In this provocative book, theologian and blogger Drew G.I. Hart places police brutality, mass incarceration, antiblack stereotypes, poverty, and everyday acts of racism within the larger framework of white supremacy. Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice. (Herald Press, 2016)

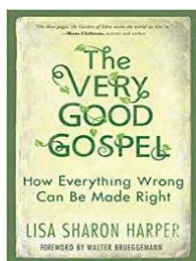


***Trouble the Water: A Christian Resource for the Work of Racial Justice***

Edited by Michael-Ray Mathews, Marie Claire Onwubariri, and Cody Sanders

*Trouble the Water* is a resource for individuals and congregations endeavoring to take seriously the ever-increasing necessity of work toward racial justice while attending to the intersections of our identities and the intersecting nature of oppression, injustice, and violence. At a time in our country and in our world when expressions of interpersonal prejudice and structural racism are validated and even valorized, this is a resource addressing the pressing concerns of our current era. Deeply rooted in the Christian tradition and evidencing the flavors of peace and justice Baptists,

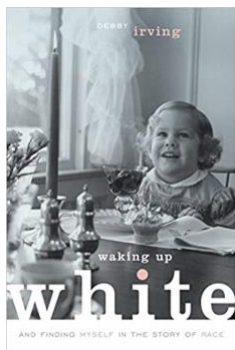
this book calls all of us to greater awareness and action in the ministry of racial justice. (Nurturing Faith, 2017)



***The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right***

Lisa Sharon Harper

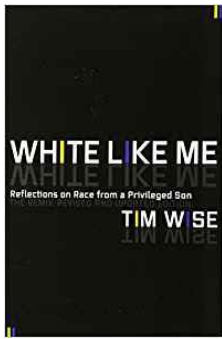
Through careful exploration of the biblical text, particularly the first three chapters of Genesis, Lisa Sharon Harper shows us what “very good” can look like today. By deeply exploring the impact of the Hebrew word Shalom, the reader finds that God’s vision remains, wholeness for a broken and fragmented world, peace for a hurting soul. (WaterBrook, 2016)



***Waking up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race***

Debby Irving

CNN’s Van Jones says, “Debby Irving’s powerful *Waking up White* opens a rare window on how white Americans are socialized. Irving’s focus on the mechanics of racism operating in just one life – her own – may lead white readers to reconsider the roots of their own perspectives – and their role in dismantling old myths. Readers of color will no doubt find the view through Irving’s window fascinating and telling.” *Waking up White* is a terrific examination of racial issues through someone’s own experience. (Elephant Room Press, 2014)

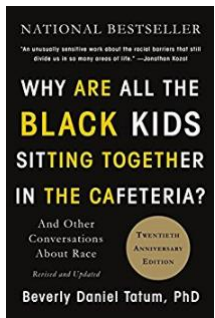


### ***White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son***

Tim Wise

*White Like Me* is a personal examination of the way in which racial privilege shapes the daily lives of white Americans in every realm: employment, education, housing, criminal justice, and elsewhere. Using stories from his own life, Tim Wise demonstrates the ways in which racism not only burdens people of color, but also benefits, in relative terms, those who are “white like him.” He discusses how racial privilege can harm whites in the long run and make progressive social change less likely. He explores the ways in which whites can challenge their unjust privileges and explains in clear and

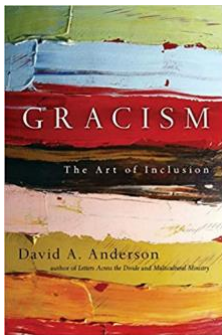
convincing language why it is in the best interest of whites themselves to do so. Using anecdotes instead of stale statistics, Wise weaves a narrative that is at once readable and yet scholarly, analytical and yet accessible. (Soft Skull Press, 2011)



### ***Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations about Race***

Beverly Tatum

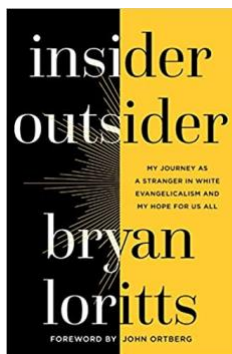
Walk into any racially mixed high school and you will see Black, White, and Latino youth clustered in their own groups. Is this self-segregation a problem to address or a coping strategy? Beverly Tatum argues that straight talk about our racial identities is essential if we are serious about enabling communication across racial and ethnic divides. These topics have only become more urgent as the national conversation about race is increasingly acrimonious. (Basic Books, 2017)



### ***Gracism: The Art of Inclusion***

David A. Anderson

Pastor David Anderson responds to prejudice and injustice with the principle of gracism: radical inclusion for the marginalized and excluded. Building on the apostle Paul's exhortations in 1 Corinthians 12 to honor the weaker member, Anderson presents a biblical model for showing special grace to others on the basis of ethnicity, class or other social distinction. He offers seven sayings of the gracist with practical examples for building bridges and including others. A Christian alternative to secular models of affirmative action or colorblindness, gracism is an opportunity to extend God's grace to people of all backgrounds.

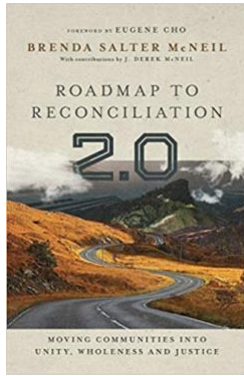


### ***Insider Outsider: My Journey as a Stranger in White Evangelicalism and my Hope for us All***

Bryan C. Loritts

God boldly proclaims throughout the book of Acts that there is no "ethnic home team" when it comes to Christianity. But the minority experience in America today--and throughout history--too often tells a different story. As Loritts writes, "It is impossible to do theology devoid of cultural lenses and expressions. Like an American unaware of their own accent, most whites are unaware of the ethnic theological accent they carry." *Insider Outsider* bears witness to the true stories that often go untold--stories that will startle, enlighten, and herald a brighter way forward for all seeking belonging in the family of God.



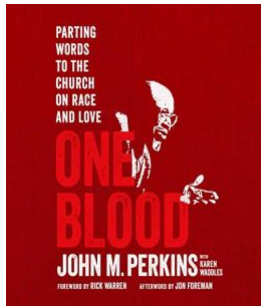


## **Roadmap to Reconciliation 2.0: Moving Communities into Unity, Wholeness and Justice**

Brenda Salter McNeil

We can see the injustice and inequality in our lives and in the world. We are ready to rise up. But how, exactly, do we do this? How does one reconcile? What we need is a clear sense of direction. Based on her extensive consulting experience with churches, colleges and organizations, Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil has created a roadmap to show us the way. She guides us through the common topics of discussion and past the bumpy social terrain and political boundaries that will arise. In this revised and expanded edition, McNeil has updated her signature roadmap to incorporate insights from her more recent work. *Roadmap to Reconciliation*

*2.0* includes a new preface and a new chapter on restoration, which address the high costs for people of color who work in reconciliation and their need for continual renewal. With reflection questions and exercises at the end of each chapter, this book is ideal to read together with your church or organization. If you are ready to take the next step into unity, wholeness and justice, then this is the book for you.

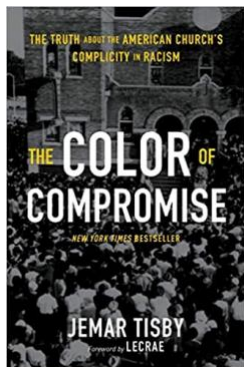


## **One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race**

John Perkins

The racial reconciliation of our churches and nation won't be done with big campaigns or through mass media. It will come one loving, sacrificial relationship at a time. The Gospel and all that it encompasses has always traveled best relationally. We have much to learn from each other and each have unique poverties that can only be filled by one another. The way forward is to become "wounded healers" who bandage each other up as we discover what the family of God really looks like. Real relationships,

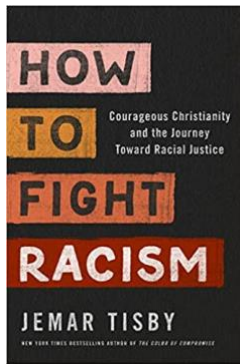
sacrificial love between actual people, is the way forward. Nothing less will do



## **The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism**

Jemar Tisby

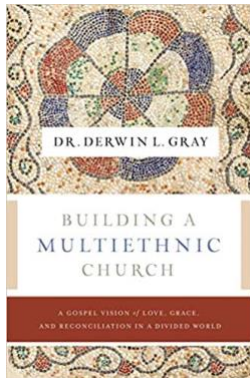
*The Color of Compromise* is both enlightening and compelling, telling a history we either ignore or just don't know. Equal parts painful and inspirational, it details how the American church has helped create and maintain racist ideas and practices. You will be guided in thinking through concrete solutions for improved race relations and a racially inclusive church.



## **How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice**

Jemar Tisby

*How to Fight Racism* is a handbook for pursuing racial justice with hands-on suggestions bolstered by real-world examples of change.



## **Building a Multiethnic Church: A Gospel Vision of Grace, Love, and Reconciliation in a Divided World**

Darwin L. Gray

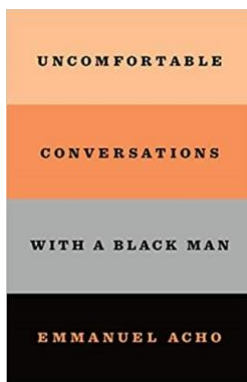
Dr. Derwin Gray calls all churches and their leaders to grow out of ignorance, classism, racism, and greed into a flourishing, vibrant, and grace-filled community of believers.



## **Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation**

Latasha Morrison

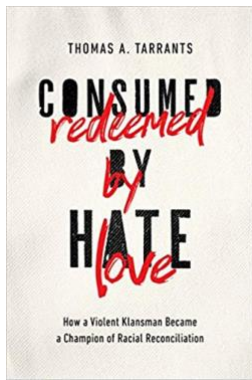
*Be the Bridge* presents a compelling vision of what it means for every follower of Jesus to become a bridge builder - committed to pursuing justice and racial unity in light of the gospel.



## **Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man**

Emmanuel Acho

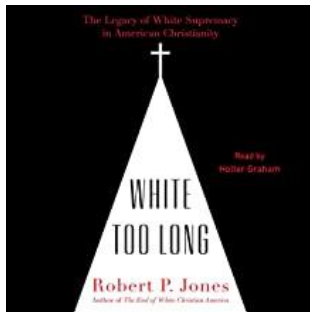
In *Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Man*, Acho takes on all the questions, large and small, insensitive and taboo, many white Americans are afraid to ask—yet which all Americans need the answers to, now more than ever. With the same open-hearted generosity that has made his video series a phenomenon, Acho explains the vital core of such fraught concepts as white privilege, cultural appropriation, and “reverse racism.” In his own words, he provides a space of compassion and understanding in a discussion that can lack both. He asks only for the reader’s curiosity—but along the way, he will galvanize all of us to join the antiracist fight.



### **Consumed by Hate, Redeemed by Love: How a Vilent Klansman Became a Champion of Racial Reconciliation**

Thomas A. Tarrants

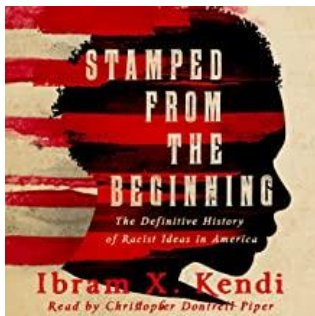
A dramatic story of radical transformation, *Consumed by Hate, Redeemed by Love* demonstrates that hope is not lost even in the most tumultuous of times, even those similar to our own.



### **White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity**

Robert P. Jones

Drawing on history, public opinion surveys, and personal experience, Robert P. Jones delivers a provocative examination of the unholy relationship between American Christianity and white supremacy and issues an urgent call for White Christians to reckon with this legacy for the sake of themselves and the nation.



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