FERGUSON READINGS ON RACE BOOK CLUB Upcoming Selections

November 10, 2025: Everything I Learned About Racism I Learned in

School by Tiffany Jewell

December 8, 2025: The Sable Cloak by Gail Milissa Grant

January 12, 2026: Shielded: How the Police Became Untouchable by

Joanna Schwartz

February 9, 2026: Gray Areas: How the Way We Work Perpetuates Racism

and What We Can Do to Fix It by Adia Harvey Winfield

BOOKS WE HAVE READ

2015

January: First meeting; no book discussion, but chose first selections and

discussed how the book club would work

<u>February</u>: *The New Jim Crow* by Michele Alexander

March: The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson

April: Colorblind by Tim Wise

May: Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

June: Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? by

Beverly Tatum

<u>July</u>: The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. Dubois <u>August</u>: The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin <u>September</u>: Waking Up White by Debby Irving

October: Race Matters by Cornel West

<u>November</u>: *How to Be Black* by Baratunde Thurston <u>December</u>: *Dog Whistle Politics* by Ian Haney Lopez

2016

January: Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

February: Ferguson Forward: A Path Toward Racial Equity, Report by the

Ferguson Commission

March: Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

April: Ferguson and Faith: Sparking Leadership and Awakening Community

by Leah Gunning Francis

May: That's the Way it Was: Stories of Struggle, Survival and Self-Respect in

Twentieth-Century Black St. Louis by Vida 'Sister' Goldman Prince

June: White Rage by Carol Anderson

July: Olivia's Story: The Conspiracy of Heroes Behind Shelley v Kraemer by

Jeffrey S. Copeland

<u>August</u>: Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination by Toni

Morrison

September: The N Word: Who Can Say It, Who Shouldn't, and Why by

Jabari Asim (author visit)

October: Tell the Truth and Shame the Devil: The Life, Legacy, and Love of My Son Michael Brown by Lezley McSpadden and Lyah Beth LeFlore (author visit)

November: Are We Born Racist? by Jason Marsh and Rodolfo

Mendoza-Denton

December: Generations of Captivity: A History of African-American Slaves by

Ira Berlin

2017

<u>January</u>: 13th directed by Ava DuVernay <u>February</u>: Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

March: "Why Black People Act the Way They Do" filmed lecture by Dr. Joy

DeGruy

April: Seder meal at First Presbyterian

May: Ferguson's Fault Lines by Kimberly Norwood

June: March by Rep. John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

<u>July</u>: The Education of a WASP by Lois Mark Stalvey August: The Blood of Emmett Till by Timothy B. Tyson

September: Presentation on restorative justice; book for background: Daring

Greatly by Brene Brown

October: Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

November: Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America by Michael

Eric Dyson

<u>December</u>: The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

2018

January: Born Bright by C. Nicole Mason

February: Victory Without Violence by Mary Kimbrough and Margaret W.

Dagen; presentation by Billie Teneau, member of the STL C.O.R.E movement

March: Policing Ferguson, Policing America by Tom Jackson

April: "Do Not Resist" (film); book for background: Rise of the Warrior Cop

by Radley Balko

May: The Origin of Others by Toni Morrison

<u>June</u>: Coming of Age in Mississippi by Anne Moody <u>July</u>: White American Youth by Christian Picciolini <u>August</u>: Remembering Carla; no book discussion

September: The Color of Law: A "Forgotten History" of How the U.S.

Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein

October: The Heritage: Black Athletes, a Divided America, and the Politics of

Patriotism by Howard Bryant

November: Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist

Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi

December: 13 Days in Ferguson by Capt. Ron Johnson and Alan Eisenstock

2019

January: "The Birth of a New Aristocracy," The Atlantic by Matthew Stewart

<u>February</u>: *Black Man in a White Coat* by Damon Tweedy

March: One Person, No Vote by Carol Anderson

April: Don't Shoot by David Kennedy

May: So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo June: Fire Shut Up in My Bones by Charles M. Blow

<u>July</u>: Slavery at Sea by Sowande Mustakeem (author visit)

August: Destroyer by Victor LaValle

<u>September</u>: *Dying of Whiteness* by Jonathan M. Metzl

October: Strangers in Their Own Land by Arlie Russell Hochschild

November: Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather

December: White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

2020

<u>January</u>: *Stony the Road* by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. <u>February</u>: *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X.Kendi

March: The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates

April: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

May: For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood and the Rest of Ya'll Too by Dr.

Christopher Emdin

June: We Can't Breathe: On Black Lives, White Lies, and the Art of Survival

by Jabari Asim

July: The Source of Self-Regard, Part 1 by Toni Morrison

August: The Source of Self-Regard, Part 2 by Toni Morrison

<u>September</u>: The Last Children of Mill Creek by Vivian Gibson (author visit)

October: My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

November: The Broken Heart of America: St. Louis and the Violent History of

the United States by Walter Johnson

December: The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

2021

January: Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We

See, Think, and Do by Jennifer Eberhardt, Ph.D

<u>February</u>: Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower by

Brittney Cooper

March: Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents (parts 1-3) by Isabel

Wilkerson

April: Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents (parts 4-7) by Isabel Wilkerson

May: A Promised Land (parts 1-4) by Barack Obama

June: A Promised Land (parts 5-7) by Barack Obama

<u>July</u>: The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church's

Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tisby

August: Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man by Emmanuel Acho

<u>September</u>: The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America by

Carol Anderson

October: The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can

Prosper Together by Heather McGhee

November: In the Walnut Grove: A Consideration of the People Enslaved in and around Florissant, Missouri edited by Andrew J. Theising (author visit)

December: The Whiteness of Wealth: How the Tax System Impoverishes

Black Americans - and How We Can Fix It by Dorothy Brown

2022

<u>January</u>: The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction

Remade the Constitution by Eric Foner

<u>February</u>: The Dead Are Arising: The Life of Malcolm X by Les Payne and

Tamara Payne

March: Behind the Fog: How the U.S. Cold War Radiological Weapons

Program Exposed Innocent Americans by Lisa Martino-Taylor

April: Unwanted Spy: The Persecution of an American Whistleblower by

Jeffrey Sterling (author visit)

May: The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story (chapters 1-6) by Nikole Hannah-Jones

<u>June</u>: *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story* (chapters 7-12) by Nikole Hannah-Jones

July: The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story (chapters 13-18) by Nikole Hannah-Jones and the Executive Summary of the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans' Interim Report

<u>August</u>: A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on the American Mind by Harriet A. Washington

<u>September</u>: *Nice Racism: How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm* by Robin DiAngelo

October: First to Fall: Elijah Lovejoy and the Fight for a Free Press in the Age of Slavery by Ken Ellingwood

November: Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism (parts 1-3) by James W. Loewen

<u>December</u>: Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism (parts 4-6) by James W. Loewen

2023

January: Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019 (parts 1-5) edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain February: Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019 (parts 6-10) edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain March: Climbing the Ladder, Chasing the Dream: The History of Homer G. Phillips Hospital by Candace O'Connor (author visit)

<u>April</u>: Little Brother: Love, Tragedy, and My Search for the Truth by Ben Westhoff

May: The Grimkes: The Legacy of Slavery in an American Family by Kerri K. Greenidge

<u>June</u>: An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States by Kyle T. Mays <u>July</u>: You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey: Crazy Stories about Racism by Amber Ruffin and Lacey Lamar

<u>August</u>: Ebony and Ivy: Race, Slavery, and the Troubled History of America's Universities by Craig Steven Wilder

September: Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond

October: My Old Kentucky Home: The Astonishing Life and Reckoning of an Iconic American Song by Emily Bingham

November: The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt

<u>December</u>: Cherish Farrah by Bethany C. Morrow

2024

<u>January</u>: Just Pursuit: A Black Prosecutor's Fight for Fairness by Laura

Coates

February: Twigs from the Bush by Margaret Bush Wilson

March: The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and

Religion (chapters 1-6) by Jonathan Haidt

April: The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and

Religion (chapters 7-12) by Jonathan Haidt

May: Black Saint Louis by Calvin Riley with NiNi Harris

<u>June</u>: Dream Town: Shaker Heights and the Quest for Racial Equity (chapters 1-9) by Laura Meckler

<u>July</u>: *Dream Town: Shaker Heights and the Quest for Racial Equity* (chapters 10-18) by Laura Meckler

<u>August</u>: Social Justice for the Sensitive Soul: How to Change the World in Quiet Ways by Dorcas Cheng-Tozun

<u>September</u>: Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home and Abroad (chapters 1-9) by Matthew F. Delmont October: Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World

War II at Home and Abroad (chapters 10-18) by Matthew F. Delmont

November: Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation by Linda Villarosa

<u>December</u>: The Racism of People Who Love You: Essays on Mixed Race Belonging by Samira K. Mehta

2025

<u>January</u>: Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to

Freedom (Overture - New England) by Ilyon Woo

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Freedom (The United States - Coda) by Ilyon Woo

March: James: A Novel by Percival Everett

April: Radical Atlas of Ferguson, USA by Patty Heyda

May: Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer Who Took Down America's Most Powerful Mobster by Stephen L. Carter and 10th anniversary potluck

<u>June</u>: Patty Heyda author visit and tenth anniversary celebration <u>July</u>: *The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth* (chapters 1-7) by Kristin Henning

<u>August</u>: The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth (chapters 8-12) by Kristin Henning

<u>September</u>: *The Message* by Ta-Nehesi Coates

October: Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum by Antonia

Hylton

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