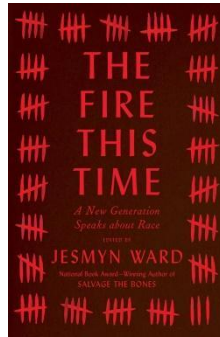


CDT Understanding Race committee: book discussion

The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race by Jesmyn Ward



The CDT Understanding Race Committee is planning a discussion of *The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race* by Jesmyn Ward. It is an anthology of essays by a variety of writers of color on their experiences, reactions to and ideas on racism in America. You do not need to have attended any of the previous discussions—all are welcome.

The discussion will take place on Sunday morning October 30 during Religious School at JCDS (The Jewish Community Day School, 57 Stanley Ave, Watertown) from 10:20 to 11:45. Contact Debby Saltzman (debbysaltzman@gmail.com) with any questions.

We encourage attendees to get a copy of the book. It is available in hardcover only; however, some of the essays have been previously published and are available online. We have compiled a list of links to these articles if you are unable to get a copy of the book.

We have selected three of the essays available online to start our discussion. So if you only have limited time we suggest starting with the first three essays on the list below. Feel free to read further!

(Please note, if the links do not work, Google the article name and you should be able to find the article.)

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“Walking While Black” by Garnette Cadogan

(This article is renamed “Black and Blue” in the anthology.)

- <http://lithub.com/walking-while-black/>

“Can A Mural Save Your Life? In the wake of the Charleston church massacre, a mother searches for a way to talk to her children about how to stay safe in America.” By Emily Raboteau

(This article is renamed “Know Your Rights” in the anthology.)

- [https://www.buzzfeed.com/emilyraboteau/educating-people-about-their-rights-one-mural-at-a-time?utm\\_term=.fkAOa9q2Q#.mlnE1e7X8](https://www.buzzfeed.com/emilyraboteau/educating-people-about-their-rights-one-mural-at-a-time?utm_term=.fkAOa9q2Q#.mlnE1e7X8)

“Ferguson isn’t about black rage against cops. It’s white rage against progress.” By Carol Anderson

(This article, originally published as an Opinion piece in the *Washington Post*, is renamed “White Rage” in the anthology.)

- [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/ferguson-wasnt-black-rage-against-cops-it-was-white-rage-against-progress/2014/08/29/3055e3f4-2d75-11e4-bb9b-997ae96fad33\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.a1279a884ecf](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/ferguson-wasnt-black-rage-against-cops-it-was-white-rage-against-progress/2014/08/29/3055e3f4-2d75-11e4-bb9b-997ae96fad33_story.html?utm_term=.a1279a884ecf)

“The Condition of Black Life is One of Mourning” by Claudia Rankine

- <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/22/magazine/the-condition-of-black-life-is-one-of-mourning.html?r=0>

“Cracking the Code” by Jesmyn Ward

- <http://www.newyorker.com/tech/elements/innovation-cracking-the-dna-code>

“Where Do We Go From Here?” by Isabel Wilkerson

- <http://www.essence.com/2015/01/06/where-do-we-go-here-essay-isabel-wilkerson>

“The Weight of James Arthur Baldwin” by Rachel Kaadzi Ghansah

- <https://www.buzzfeed.com/rachelkaadzighansah/the-weight-of-james-arthur-baldwin>

“Da Art of Storytelling’ (a Prequel)” by Keise Laymon

- <http://www.oxfordamerican.org/magazine/item/702-da-art-of-storytelling>