

# Justice & Racial Reconciliation

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***One Blood***, John M. Perkins, ©2018, 305.8 PER

The author's final manifesto on race, faith, and reconciliation. Perkins makes a strong case that there is no institution on earth more equipped or capable of bringing transformation to the cause of reconciliation than the church

***White Awake***, Daniel Hill, ©2017, 277.3 HIL

Hill discusses how to discover cultural identity as a white person and explains the seven stages to expect on the path to cultural awakening. *White Awake* gives us a new perspective on being white and empowers us to be agents of reconciliation in our increasingly diverse and divided world.

***Beyond Racial Gridlock***, George Yancey, ©2006, 270 YAN

Yancey offers a new paradigm, the mutual responsibility model, which acknowledges that both majority and minority cultures have their own particular challenges, tendencies, and sins to repent of, and that people of different races approach racial reconciliation and justice in differing but complementary ways. Yancey's vision offers hope that people of all races can walk together on a shared path as collaborators and partners.

***I Shall Not Hate***, Izzeldin Abuelaish, ©2011, 610.9 ABU

A Harvard-educated Palestinian doctor, Abuelaish was born and raised in a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip and has devoted his life to medicine and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians.

***Tears We Cannot Stop***, Michael Dyson, ©2017, 305.8 DYS

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.

***Between the World and Me***, Ta-Nehisi Coates, ©2015, 305.8 COA

What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? Coates writes this letter to his adolescent son, sharing the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world.

***The Myth of Equality***, Ken Wytsma, ©2017, 261.8 WYT

What are the roots of our inequities? The author reveals what he has discovered about privilege as he has engaged with today's race-related issues. He helps us come to a deeper understanding of the reconciling role we are called to play as witnesses of the gospel.

***Roadmap to Reconciliation***, Brenda Salter McNeil, ©2015, 234.5 MCN

The author writes: "It's time for the followers of Jesus to embark on the prophetic journey that leads to reconciliation and transformation around the world. We cannot ignore the plight of the people around us, and as globalization continues its relentless march onward, we cannot turn a blind eye to the world beyond our national borders either.

***The New Jim Crow***, Michelle Alexander, ©2012, 364.9 ALE

The argument is made that we have not ended racial caste in America; we have simply redesigned it. By targeting black men through the War on Drugs and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control.

***Let Justice Roll Down***, John Perkins, ©1976, 921 PER

Despite being beaten and tortured by the police, Perkins returned good for evil, love for hate, progress for prejudice, and brought hope to black and white alike. This is a portrayal of what happens when faith thrusts a person into the midst of a struggle against racism, oppression, and injustice.

***Disunity in Christ***, Christena Cleveland, ©2013, 262.7 CLE

We cluster in theological groups, gender groups, age groups, ethnic groups, educational and economic groups. Learn why Christians who have a heart for unity have such a hard time actually uniting.

***Just Mercy***, Bryan Stevenson, ©2014, 353.4 STE

A powerful, true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us and the call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time.

***America's Original Sin***, Jim Wallis, ©2016, 305.8 WAL

Wallis calls us to transcend racial categories and to see in one another the image of God. He points out the structural realities of sinful racism and makes clear that to be redeemed, we must do more than just deny it.

***Pursuing Justice***, Ken Wytsma, ©2013, 261.8 WYT

This founder of The Justice Conference shows God's unchanging love for all His children. Along the way, he calls us back to an understanding of biblical justice, provides a redeeming glimpse of the true meaning of righteousness, and draws an indelible connection between our own joy, the joy of others, and the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

***Wanted***, Chris Hoke, ©2015, 259.5 HOK

As a prisoners' chaplain, Hoke relates stories of inmates lives—sacred moments in unlikely situations. He offers a new vision of the forgotten souls who have been cast into society's dumpsters, helping us to see that beneath even the hardest criminal is a fragile desire to be wanted.

***Living in Color***, Randy Woodley, ©2001, 277.3 WOO

The author gives practical insights for how we can relate to one another with sensitivity, contextualize the gospel, combat the subtleties of racism, and honor one another's unique contributions to church and society. Along the way, he reckons with difficult challenges from our racially painful history and offers hope for healing and restoration.

***One***, Deidra Riggs, ©2017, 262 RIG

Riggs calls us to put our focus on self-preservation aside and, like Jesus, make the first move toward reconciliation. We are secure in God's inexhaustible love, making us free to love others lavishly—not just in what we do but in what we say, what we don't say, what we will endure, and what we will forgive.