

Handout from Sandi Michel's presentation on the Lynching Memorial Project Diocesan Convention 2019

For more information - Books and websites you might find interesting

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, by Bryan Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

Between the World and Me, by Ta Nehesi Coates

Between the World and Me is a 2015 book written by Ta-Nehesi Coates and published by Spiegel & Grau. It is written as a letter to the author's teenage son about the feelings, symbolism, and realities associated with being Black in the United States.

The New Jim Crow, by Michelle Alexander

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness is a book by Michelle Alexander, a civil rights litigator and legal scholar. The book discusses race-related issues specific to African-American males and mass incarceration in the United States, but Alexander noted that the discrimination faced by African-American males is prevalent among other minorities and socio-economically disadvantaged populations. Alexander's central premise, from which the book derives its title, is that "mass incarceration is, metaphorically, the New Jim Crow."

The Half Has Never Been Told, by Edward Baptist

As historian Edward E. Baptist reveals in the prizewinning *The Half Has Never Been Told*, the expansion of slavery in the first eight decades after American independence drove the evolution and modernization of the United States.

American Slavery, American Freedom, by Edmund S. Morgan

American Slavery, American Freedom: The Ordeal of Colonial Virginia is a 1975 history text by American historian Edmund Morgan. The work was first published in September 1975 through W W Norton & Co Inc and is considered to be one of Morgan's seminal works.

The Color of Law, by Richard Rothstein

William Julius Wilson, author of *The Truly Disadvantaged*) "Richard Rothstein's *The Color of Law* offers an original and insightful explanation of how government policy in the United States intentionally promoted and enforced residential racial segregation.

A History of Ft. Worth in Black and White, by Richard F. Selcer

A History of Fort Worth in Black & White fills a long-empty niche on the Fort Worth bookshelf: a scholarly history of the city's black community that starts at the beginning with Ripley Arnold and the early settlers, and comes down to today with our current battles over education, housing, and representation in city affairs. The book's sidebars on some noted and some not-so-noted African Americans make it appealing as a school text as well as a book for the general reader. Using a wealth of primary sources, Richard Selcer dispels several enduring myths, for instance the mistaken belief that Camp Bowie trained only white

soldiers, and the spurious claim that Fort Worth managed to avoid the racial violence that plagued other American cities in the twentieth century. Selcer arrives at some surprisingly frank conclusions.

Stamped From the Beginning, by Ibram X. Kendi

Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America is a 2016 non-fiction book about race in the United States by Ibram X. Kendi that won the National Book Award for Nonfiction.

Websites

The Equal Justice Initiative website, www.eji.org has a wealth of information. See especially the report on Lynching in America.

One more website, definitely not for the faint hearted: www.withoutsanctuary.org An archive of photographs of lynching