

Social Action Books through 2024

Highlighted titles are Bonus Books and Count for Two Books

2019

Do All Lives Matter?

Wayne Gordon and John M. Perkins

Something is wrong in our society. Deeply wrong.

The belief that all lives matter is at the heart of our founding documents--but we must admit that this conviction has never truly reflected reality in America. Movements such as Black Lives Matter have arisen in response to recent displays of violence and mistreatment, and some of us defensively answer back, "All lives matter." But do they? Really?

This book is an exploration of that question. It delves into history and current events, into Christian teaching and personal stories, in order to start a conversation about the way forward. Its raw but hopeful words will help move us from apathy to empathy and from empathy to action.

We cannot do everything. But we can each do something.

2019

Love in a Time of Climate Change

Sharon Delgado

Love in a Time of Climate Change challenges readers to develop a loving response to climate change, which disproportionately harms the poor, threatens future generations, and damages God's creation. This book creatively adapts John Wesley's theological method by using scripture, tradition, reason, and experience to explore the themes of creation and justice in the context of the earth's changing climate. By consciously employing these four sources of authority, readers discover a unique way to reflect on planetary warming theologically and to discern a faithful response. The book's premise is that love of God and neighbor in this time of climate change requires us to honor creation and establish justice for our human family, for future generations, and for all creation. From the introduction: "As we entrust our lives to God, we are enabled to join with others in the movement for climate justice and to carry a unified message of healing, love, and solidarity as we live into God's future, offering hope in the midst of the climate crisis that 'another world is possible.' God is ever present, always with us. Love never ends."

2019

Nobody Cries When We Die

Patrick Reyes

When the screams of innocents dying engulf you, how do you hear God's voice? Will God and God's people call you to life when your breath is being strangled out of you? For people of color living each day surrounded by violence, for whom survival is not a given, vocational discernment is more than "finding your purpose" — it's a matter of life and death. Patrick Reyes shares his story of how the community around him — his grandmother, robed clergy, educators, friends, and neighbors — saved him from gang life, abuse, and the economic and racial oppression that threatened to kill him before he ever reached adulthood. A story balancing the tension between pain and healing, *Nobody Cries When We Die* takes you to the places that make American society flinch, redefines what you are called to do with your life, and gives you strength to save lives and lead in your own community.

2019

The Feathered Bone

Julie Cantrell

"Feathers—no matter what size or shape or color—are all the same, if you think about them. They're soft. Delicate. But the secret thing about feathers is . . . they are very strong."

In the pre-Katrina glow of New Orleans, Amanda Salassi is anxious about chaperoning her daughter's sixth-grade field trip to the Big Easy during Halloween. And then her worst fears come true. Her daughter's best friend, Sarah, disappears amid the magic and revelry—gone, without a trace.

Unable to cope with her guilt, Amanda's daughter sinks into depression. And Amanda's husband turns destructive as he watches his family succumb to grief. Before long, Amanda's whole world has collapsed.

Amanda knows she has to save herself before it's too late. As she continues to search for Sarah, she embarks on a personal journey, seeking hope and purpose in the wake of so much tragedy and loss.

Set amidst the murky parishes of rural Louisiana and told through the eyes of two women who confront the darkest corners of humanity with quiet and unbreakable faith, *The Feathered Bone* is Julie Cantrell's master portrait of love in a fallen world.

2019

Walking on Lava: Selected Works for Uncivilized Times

Dougald Hine and Paul Kingsnorth

The Dark Mountain Project began with a manifesto published in 2009 by two English writers—Dougald Hine and Paul Kingsnorth—who felt that literature was not responding honestly to the crises of our time.

In a world in which the climate is being altered by human activities; in which global ecosystems are being destroyed by the advance of industrial civilization; and in which the dominant economic and cultural

assumptions of the West are visibly crumbling, Dark Mountain asked: where are the writers and the artists? Why are the mainstream cultural forms of our society still behaving as if this were the twentieth century—or even the nineteenth?

Dark Mountain's call for writers, thinkers and artists willing to face the depth of the mess we are in has made it a gathering point for a growing international network. Rooted in place, time and nature, their work finds a home in the pages of the Dark Mountain books, with two new volumes published every year.

Walking on Lava brings together the best of the first ten volumes, along with the original manifesto. This collection of essays, fiction, poetry, interviews and artwork introduces The Dark Mountain Project's groundbreaking work to a wider audience in search of 'the hope beyond hope, the paths which lead to the unknown world ahead of us.'

2019

"We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now"

Annelise Orleck

Tracing a new labor movement sparked and sustained by low-wage workers from across the globe, *"We Are All Fast-Food Workers Now"* is an urgent, illuminating look at globalization as seen through the eyes of workers-activists: small farmers, fast-food servers, retail workers, hotel housekeepers, home-healthcare aides, airport workers, and adjunct professors who are fighting for respect, safety, and a living wage. With original photographs by Liz Cooke and drawing on interviews with activists in many US cities and countries around the world, including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Mexico, South Africa, and the Philippines, it features stories of resistance and rebellion, as well as reflections on hope and change as it rises from the bottom up.

2019

Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., isolated himself from the demands of the civil rights movement, rented a house in Jamaica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript. In this prophetic work, which has been unavailable for more than ten years, he lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education. With a universal message of hope that continues to resonate, King demanded an end to global suffering, asserting that humankind—for the first time—has the resources and technology to eradicate poverty.

2020

Holding Up Your Corner

F. Willis Johnson

The phrase 'holding up your corner' is derived from a biblical story (Mark 2: 1 – 5) about four people who take action in order to help another person—literally delivering that person to Christ. For us, 'holding up your corner' has meaning in two aspects of our lives today:

Holding Up Your Corner is a passionate, fast-paced, wonderfully practical book. F. Willis Johnson has a gift for Christian communication and he pours all of his gifts and rich pastoral experience into a book that encourages his fellow Christians to acknowledge, affirm, and act in the face of the racism that grips many of us. He displays deliberative theology in the service of instigating talk and action on behalf of racial justice, all in the service of a God who graciously enlists us to work with God to defeat evil. I guarantee that after reading Willis Johnson you will want to work from your corner to become part of God's work in the world." -- Will Willimon, UM Bishop, retired, Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry, Duke Divinity School

2020

Immigration and Justice for Our Neighbors

Jennifer Clark and Miriam Downey

An anthology of poems and writings about the life of immigrants. The goal in putting together *Immigration & Justice for Our Neighbors* is to make the unknown more familiar. Clark and Downey gathered poetry and prose by many writers in western Michigan that gives voice to immigrants, refugees, and those who've welcomed them as a part of the community.

2020

Loaded: Disarming the 2nd Amendment

Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Loaded: A Disarming History of the Second Amendment is a deeply researched—and deeply disturbing—history of guns and gun laws in the United States, from the original colonization of the country to the present. As historian and educator Dunbar-Ortiz explains, in order to understand the current obstacles to gun control, we must understand the history of U.S. guns, from their role in the "settling of America" and the early formation of the new nation and continuing up to the present.

2020

Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann Granderson and Her Secret School

Janet Halfmann

In Mississippi in the mid-1800s, it was illegal for enslaved people to learn to read and write. Getting caught meant thirty-nine lashes with a whip as punishment. But this did not stop Lilly Ann Granderson,

an enslaved woman herself. She believed in the power of education. To share her knowledge with others, she started a midnight school. In a small cabin hidden in a back alley, Lilly Ann held her secret classes. Every noise in the dark was a reminder of the punishment she and her students faced if they were found out. But the chance to learn was worth the risk. Over the years, Lilly Ann taught hundreds of enslaved people to read and write. Many of her students went on to share their knowledge with their families. Some started secret schools of their own. Others forged passes to escape to freedom in the North. Based on a true story, *Midnight Teacher* is an inspiring testament to a little-known pioneer in education.

2020

Six by Ten: Stories from Solitary

Taylor Pendergrass and Mateo Hoke

Six by ten feet. That's the average size of the cells in which tens of thousands of people incarcerated in the United States linger for weeks, months, and even decades in solitary confinement. With little stimulation and no meaningful human contact, these individuals struggle to preserve their identity, sanity, and even their lives. In thirteen intimate narratives, *Six by Ten* explores the mental, physical, and spiritual impacts of America's widespread embrace of solitary confinement. Through stories from those subjected to solitary confinement, family members on the outside, and corrections officers, *Six by Ten* examines the darkest hidden corners of America's mass incarceration culture and illustrates how solitary confinement inflicts lasting consequences on families and communities far beyond prison walls. Stories include those of Brian, who was shuttled from prison to prison across Illinois as part of an unofficial program that came to be known as "the circuit"; Heather, a mother fighting for the life of her son, Nikko, who was diagnosed as bipolar at a young age and sent to solitary as a teenager; and Sonya, a trans woman sent to solitary in a men's jail in Texas, supposedly for her own protection.

2020

Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration and Homeland Security

Todd Miller

In *Storming the Wall*, Todd Miller travels around the world to connect the dots between climate-ravaged communities, the corporations cashing in on border militarization, and emerging movements for environmental justice and sustainability. Reporting from the flashpoints of climate clashes, and from likely sites of future battles, Miller chronicles a growing system of militarized divisions between the rich and the poor, the environmentally secure and the environmentally exposed. Stories of crisis, greed and violence are juxtaposed with powerful examples of solidarity and hope in this urgent and timely message from the frontlines of the post-Paris Agreement era.

2020

The Fig Tree Revolution

Bill Mefford

The locus of God's change and transformation in the world is through local groups of believers immersed in relationships among those directly impacted by injustice. Movements for justice throughout history have always been powered by grassroots people with shared passion and vision for concrete change in the face of injustice. This book is geared to help local churches to engage in the transformative and missional work of justice. Based on the first four chapters in Esther and drawn from real stories of real people creating real change, this book is perfect for small groups, Sunday school classes, student groups, or mission teams that want to be inspired and find practical steps to take to mobilize people in their local churches to participate in God's call to change the world. Be a part of the movement among God's people for justice. Join the *Fig Tree Revolution*.

2020

They Will Inherit the Earth: Peace and Nonviolence in a Time of Climate Change

John Dear

Long time activist John Dear invites us to return to nonviolence as a way of life and a living solidarity with Mother Earth and her creatures.

2020

What Comes from Dust - Novel

Gharbi M. Mustafa

Today is Nazo's wedding. Today she will set herself on fire.

Nazo Heydo has drenched herself in kerosene and is ready to light the match in order to avoid marrying the Syrian elder who bought her from Islamic State officials. Her forced marriage is just the latest horror in a journey that began when ISIS fighters surrounded her peaceful village, demanding spoils and the Yazidis' conversion to Islam. Rebuffed, they took away her father, brothers, and the love of her life in their pickup trucks with the other village men. The women and children they enslaved and separated, transporting the younger women to be trafficked for the pleasure of their soldiers or sold for money. Only Nazo's wits and daring have saved her from further abuse or death, yet each escape leads to some new horror.

Meanwhile, in a parallel narrative, Soz, another young Yazidi, flees her family's farm when she sees the black-flagged pickups approach. She manages to reach Mount Sinjar, where she joins the Yazidi fighters who have allied with the Kurdish Peshmerga. Her journey will lead back to her homeland to do battle against ISIS.

What Comes with the Dust is a powerful novel about genocide and the will to survive as well as a testament to struggles of the Yazidi people.

2020

Who Lynched Willie Earle?

William H. Willimon

How do pastors of white, mainline Protestant churches preach effectively in situations of racial violence and disease? Even though you long to address contemporary social crises, how do you know where to begin when it's simply not possible to relate to black pain? *Who Lynched Willie Earle?* uses the true story of pastor Hawley Lynn's 1947 sermon, a response to the last lynching in Greenville, South Carolina, to help pastors preach on race and violence in America, inviting and challenging the church to respond.

2021 ***Children

Crocodile's Crossing: A Search for Home

Yoeri Slegers

Crocodile is tired, scared, and hopeful as he searches for his new home.

Everything will be better where I'm going! he thinks. But where is that?

Crocodile's Crossing: A Search for Home introduces children to the complex topic of immigration. Featuring bright artwork and packed with playful details, this thoughtful tale sensitively portrays the challenges faced by refugees and other newcomers. A downloadable discussion guide is available at www.flyawaybooks.com/resources.

2021

Ferguson and Faith: Sparking Leadership and Awakening Community

Leah Gunning Francis

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. 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.

2021

For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness after the Charleston Massacre

Sharon Risher

How can you forgive the unforgiveable??

The instant her phone rang, Reverend Sharon Risher sensed something was horribly wrong. Something had happened at Emanuel AME Church, the church of her youth in Charleston, South Carolina, and she knew her mother was likely in the church at Bible study. Even before she heard the news, her chaplain's

instinct told her the awful truth: her mother was dead, along with two cousins. What she couldn't imagine was that they had been murdered by a white supremacist. Plunged into the depths of mourning and anger and shock, Sharon could have wallowed in the pain. Instead, she chose the path of forgiveness and hope--eventually forgiving the convicted killer for his crime.

In this powerful memoir of faith, family, and loss, Sharon begins the story with her mother, Ethel Lee Lance, seeking refuge in the church from poverty and scorn and raising her family despite unfathomable violence that rattled Sharon to her core years later; how Sharon overcame her own struggles and answered the call to ministry; and how, in the loss of her dear mother, Sharon has become a nationally known speaker as she shares her raw, riveting, story of losing loved ones to gun violence and racism.

Sharon's story is a story of transformation: How an anonymous hospital chaplain was thrust into the national spotlight, joining survivors of other gun-related horrors as reluctant speakers for a heartbroken social-justice movement. As she recounts her grief and the struggle to forgive the killer, Risher learns to trust God's timing and lean on God's loving presence to guide her steps. Where her faith journey leads her is surprising and inspiring, as she finds a renewed purpose to her life in the company of other survivors.

Risher has been interviewed by Time Magazine, Marie-Claire, Essence, Guardian-BCC Radio, CNN, and other media sources. She regularly shares her story on American college campuses and racial-reconciliation events. "To Forgive a Killer," an essay as told to Abigail Pesta published in Notre Dame Magazine, won the 2018 Front Page Award for Essay Published in a Magazine, awarded by the Newswomen's Club of New York.

2021

Girl Gone Missing

Marcie Rendon

Her name is Renee Blackbear, but what most people call the 19-year-old Ojibwe woman is Cash. She lived all her life in Fargo, sister city to Minnesota's Moorhead, just downriver from the Cities. She has one friend, Sheriff Wheaton. He pulled her from her mother's wrecked car when she was three. Since then, Cash navigated through foster homes, and at 13 was working farms, driving a truck. Wheaton wants her to take hold of her life and signs her up for college. She gets an education there at Moorhead State all right: sees that people talk a lot but mostly about nothing; not like the men in the fields she's known all her life who hold the rich topsoil in their hands, talk fertilizer and weather and prices on the Grain Exchange. In between classes and hauling beets, drinking beer and shooting pool, a man who claims he's her brother shows up, and she begins to dream the Cities and blonde Scandinavian girls calling for help.

Marcie Rendon is a citizen of the White Earth Nation. Her novel, *Girl Gone Missing*, Cinco Puntos Press, is the second in the Cash Blackbear series. The first, *Murder on the Red River* (2017 Cinco Puntos Press) won the Pinckley Women's Debut Crime Novel Award, 2018. It was a Western Writers of America Spur Award Finalist 2018 in the Contemporary Novel category. Two nonfiction children's books are *Pow Wow Summer* (MN Historical Press) and *Farmer's Market: Families Working Together* (Carol Rhoda). Rendon was recognized as a 50 over 50 Change-maker by MN AARP and POLLEN, 2018. With four published

plays she is the creative mind of Raving Native Theater. She curates community created performance such as Art Is...Creative Native Resilience which features three Anishinabe performance artists on TPT Public Television, June 2019. Diego Vazquez and Rendon received the Loft's 2017 Spoken Word Immersion Fellowship for their work with women incarcerated in county jails.

2021

No Justice:

One White Police Officer, One Black Family, and How One Bullet Ripped Us Apart

Robbie Tolan and Lawrence Ross

The harrowing true story of Robbie Tolan, a young black man who was shot in the chest by a white police officer . . . in his own driveway.

No Justice is the harrowing story of Robbie Tolan, who early on one New Year's Eve morning, found himself being rushed to the hospital. A white police officer had shot him in the chest after mistakenly accusing him of stealing his own car...while in his own driveway.

In a journey that took nearly a decade, Tolan and his family saw his case go before the United States Supreme Court in a groundbreaking decision, while Tolan struggled with how to put his life back together. Holding him together through this journey was the strength of his mother and father, his faith in God, and an impenetrable belief that he deserved justice like any other American who'd been wronged.

No Justice is the story about what happened after the cameras and social media protests went away. Robbie Tolan was left with the physical and mental devastation from having his body violated by someone who was supposed to serve and protect him. His story reminds us that police brutality is not a theoretical talking point in a larger nationwide argument. This story is about Robbie Tolan courageously picking up the pieces of his life, even as he fights for justice for all.

2021

Pushout

Monique W. Morris

Fifteen-year-old Diamond stopped going to school the day she was expelled for lashing out at peers who constantly harassed and teased her for something everyone on the staff had missed: she was being trafficked for sex. After months on the run, she was arrested and sent to a detention center for violating a court order to attend school.

Just 16 percent of female students, black girls make up more than one-third of all girls with a school-related arrest. The first trade book to tell these untold stories, *Pushout* exposes a world of confined potential and supports the growing movement to address the policies, practices, and cultural illiteracy that push countless students out of school and into unhealthy, unstable, and often unsafe futures.

For four years Monique W. Morris, author of *Black Stats*, chronicled the experiences of black girls across the country whose intricate lives are misunderstood, highly judged—by teachers, administrators, and the justice system—and degraded by the very institutions charged with helping them flourish. Morris shows how, despite obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes, and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities, and beyond.

2021

Rest in Power: The Enduring Life of Trayvon Martin

Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin

Trayvon Martin's parents take readers beyond the news cycle with an account only they could give: the intimate story of a tragically foreshortened life and the rise of a movement.

On a February evening in 2012, in a small town in central Florida, seventeen-year-old Trayvon Martin was walking home with candy and a can of juice in hand and talking on the phone with a friend when a fatal encounter with a gun-wielding neighborhood watchman ended his young life. The watchman was briefly detained by the police and released. Trayvon's father—a truck driver named Tracy—tried to get answers from the police but was shut down and ignored. Trayvon's mother, a civil servant for the city of Miami, was paralyzed by the news of her son's death and lost in mourning, unable to leave her room for days.

But in a matter of weeks, their son's name would be spoken by President Obama, honored by professional athletes, and passionately discussed all over traditional and social media. And at the head of a growing nationwide campaign for justice were Trayvon's parents, who—driven by their intense love for their lost son—discovered their voices, gathered allies, and launched a movement that would change the country.

Five years after his tragic death, Trayvon Martin's name is still evoked every day. He has become a symbol of social justice activism, as has his hauntingly familiar image: the photo of a child still in the process of becoming a young man, wearing a hoodie and gazing silently at the camera. But who was Trayvon Martin, before he became, in death, an icon? And how did one black child's death on a dark, rainy street in a small Florida town become the match that lit a civil rights crusade?

Rest in Power, told through the compelling alternating narratives of Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin, answers, for the first time, those questions from the most intimate of sources. It's the story of the beautiful and complex child they lost, the cruel unresponsiveness of the police, the hostility of the legal system, the inspiring journey they took from grief and pain to power, and from tragedy and senselessness to meaning.

2021

So You Want to Talk About Race

Ijeoma Oluo

In this *New York Times* bestseller, Ijeoma Oluo offers a hard-hitting but user-friendly examination of race in America.

Widespread reporting on aspects of white supremacy -- from police brutality to the mass incarceration of Black Americans -- has put a media spotlight on racism in our society. Still, it is a difficult subject to talk about. How do you tell your roommate her jokes are racist? Why did your sister-in-law take umbrage when you asked to touch her hair -- and how do you make it right? How do you explain white privilege to your white, privileged friend?

In *So You Want to Talk About Race*, Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectional and affirmative action to "model minorities" in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life.

2021

Women Rise Up: Sacred Stories of Resistance for Today's Revolution

Katey Zeh

Women Rise Up shares the stories of biblical women connecting them to contemporary global gender issues. In doing so, Zeh speaks truth to women's oppression and erasure while reminding us of the sacredness of women's experience, wisdom, solidarity, and sisterhood

2022

A Brave Face: Two Cultures, Two Families, and the Iraqi Girl Who Brought Them Together

Barbara Marlowe and Teeba Furat Marlowe

The inspirational story of an American woman who moved mountains to secure medical treatments — and eventually a home—for a young Iraqi girl severely burned in a roadside terror attack. This is a story of the astonishing power of self-sacrificial love.

On a typical Sunday morning in 2006, Barbara Marlowe saw a photo that changed her life: a photo of four-year-old Teeba Furat Fadhil, whose face, head, and hands had been severely burned during a roadside bombing in the Diyala Province of Iraq. Teeba's eyes captivated Barbara, and she yearned to help this child who had already endured more pain and suffering than anyone should bear.

Because surgeons were fleeing the war-torn country, Teeba would be unable to receive much-needed treatments if she stayed in Iraq. With powerful faith and determination, Barbara overcame obstacle after obstacle to bring Teeba from Iraq to the United States for medical treatments.

A Brave Face explores the connection forged between Barbara and Teeba's Iraqi mother Dunia over the past decade—a deep bond between two mothers that has flourished despite the distance, the strife of war, and the horrors of Al-Qaeda and ISIS. With chapters written by Teeba, now a young woman, and Dunia, the three women recount the story of courage and sacrifice that bound them together.

A Brave Face contains the messages that:

- ** Tremendous trust can cross borders and war zones
- ** Tragedies can turn into miracles
- ** Love can be found in the most unexpected of places.

In the end, this is a story of hope. A story of building bridges. A story of the always astonishing power of self-sacrificial love.

2022

Becoming Grandma

Lesley Stahl

After four decades as a reporter, Lesley Stahl's most vivid and transformative experience of her life was not covering the White House, interviewing heads of state, or researching stories at 60 Minutes. It was becoming a grandmother. She was hit with a jolt of joy so intense and unexpected; she wanted to "investigate" it—as though it were a news flash. And so, using her 60 Minutes skills, she explored how grandmothering changes a woman's life, interviewing friends like Whoopi Goldberg, colleagues like Diane Sawyer (and grandfathers, including Tom Brokaw), as well as the proverbial woman next door.

Along with these personal accounts, Stahl speaks with scientists and doctors about physiological changes that occur in women when they have grandchildren; anthropologists about why there are grandmothers, in evolutionary terms; and psychiatrists about the therapeutic effects of grandchildren on both grandmothers and grandfathers.

Throughout *Becoming Grandma*, Stahl shares stories about her own life with granddaughters Jordan and Chloe, about how her relationship with her daughter, Taylor, has changed, and about how being a grandfather has affected her husband, Aaron.

In an era when baby boomers are becoming grandparents in droves and when young parents need all the help they can get raising their children, Stahl's book is a timely and affecting read that redefines a cherished relationship.

2022

Before We Were Yours

Lisa Wingate

Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one

stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children’s Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility’s cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty.

Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family’s long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption.

Based on one of America’s most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate’s riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

2022

Girl in Juarez: Beyond the Wall

Marion Surles

How do children live just a few feet across the wall at our southern border? Cristal and Fina struggle to find enough to eat as they raise themselves on the streets of a poverty-level neighborhood in Juarez, Mexico. Daniel worries about his little brother Memo who has serious respiratory attacks from the pollution and desert climate. Pastors Miguel and Pati want to lead a different kind of church, one responsive to the needs of their community. Life is hard in this newly-formed neighborhood on the border. Can the local church help the families learn to work together as Christ's family to ease each other's burdens? Proceeds from this book support Love and Literacy, a mission encouraging children in Juarez to read and stay in school.

2022

Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God

Kaitlin B. Curtice

Native is about identity, soul-searching, and the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice offers a unique perspective on these topics. In this book, she shows how reconnecting with her Potawatomi identity both informs and challenges her faith.

Curtice draws on her personal journey, poetry, imagery, and stories of the Potawatomi people to

address themes at the forefront of today’s discussions of faith and culture in a positive and constructive way. She encourages us to embrace our own origins and to share and listen to each other’s stories so we

can build a more inclusive and diverse future. Each of our stories matters for the church to be truly whole. As Curtice shares what it means to experience her faith through the lens of her indigenous heritage, she reveals that a vibrant spirituality has its origins in identity, belonging, and a sense of place.

2022

Rewired: An Unlikely Doctor, a Brave Amputee, and the Medical Miracle That Made History

Dr. Ajay K. Seth

A raccoon bite on the arm doesn't seem that serious, but it soon becomes a life-or-death medical crisis for Melissa Loomis. After days of treatment for recurring infection, it becomes obvious that her arm must be amputated. Dr. Ajay Seth, the son of immigrant parents from India and a local orthopaedic surgeon in private practice, performs his first-ever amputation procedure. In the months that follow, divine intervention, combined with Melissa's determination and Dr. Seth's disciplined commitment and dedication to his patients, brings about the opportunity for a medical breakthrough that will potentially transform the lives of amputees around the world.

Rewired is the inspirational, miraculous story of Dr. Seth's revolutionary surgery that allows Melissa to not just move a prosthetic arm simply by thinking, but to actually feel with the prosthetic hand, just as she would with her natural arm. This resulted in what others have recognized as the world's most advanced amputee, all done from Dr. Seth's private practice in a community hospital, using a local staff, and with no special training or extensive research funding.

2022

Separated by the Border: A Birth Mother, a Foster Mother, and a Migrant Child's 3,000-Mile Journey

Gena Thomas

In 2017 five-year-old Julia traveled with her mother, Guadalupe, from Honduras to the United States. Her harrowing journey took her through Mexico in the cargo section of a tractor trailer. Then she was separated from her mother, who was held hostage by smugglers who exploited her physically and financially. At the United States border, Julia came through the processing center as an unaccompanied minor after being separated from her stepdad who was deported.

Gena Thomas tells the story of how Julia came to the United States, what she experienced in the system, and what it took to reunite her with her family. A Spanish-speaking former missionary, Gena became Julia's foster mother and witnessed firsthand the ways migrant children experience trauma. Weaving together the stories of birth mother and foster mother, this book shows the human face of the immigrant and refugee, the challenges of the immigration and foster care systems, and the tenacious power of motherly love.

2022 ***Children

She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World

Chelsea Clinton

Throughout U.S. history, there have always been women who've spoken up for what's right, even when they have to fight to be heard. Here, Chelsea Clinton celebrates thirteen inspirational women who've helped shape our country through their tenacity. With vivid, compelling art, this book shows young readers that no matter the obstacles, they shouldn't give up on their dreams.

2022

Small Great Things - A Novel

Jodi Picoult

*** Soon to be a Major Motion Picture ***

Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders, or does she intervene?

2022

The Boy Who Delivered Joy

Marvin Bartlett

A rare bone cancer robbed Jarrett Mynear of a normal childhood when he was two years old, but it didn't steal his spirit. This extraordinary boy captivated crowds with his courage, faith, and humor in the face of adversity. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, Jarrett got busy. By delivering thousands of toys to sick children, the pint-sized Santa Claus traveled a path that led to national television appearances, prestigious awards, and a chance meeting with the President of the United States. This is the true story of a little boy's legacy and how, nearly two decades after his death, he continues to inspire small acts of kindness and huge acts of philanthropy. About the Author Marvin Bartlett is an Emmy award-winning journalist with 30 years' experience. He holds degrees in journalism from Marshall University and Ohio University. Since 1995, the West Virginia native has anchored the news for WDKY-TV, the Fox affiliate in Lexington, Kentucky. He is well-known for producing "The Spirit of the Bluegrass," a weekly segment featuring unique people and places in Kentucky.

2022

The Girl with Seven Names

Hyeonseo Lee

An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships—and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom.

As a child growing up in North Korea, Hyeonseo Lee was one of millions trapped by a secretive and brutal communist regime. Her home on the border with China gave her some exposure to the world beyond the confines of the Hermit Kingdom and, as the famine of the 1990s struck, she began to wonder, question and to realize that she had been brainwashed her entire life. Given the repression, poverty and starvation she witnessed surely her country could not be, as she had been told “the best on the planet”?

Aged seventeen, she decided to escape North Korea. She could not have imagined that it would be twelve years before she was reunited with her family.

2022

The House on Lowell Street

Linda A. Keane

Based on a true event: the strike of the Kalamazoo corset workers in 1912.

Rose Morrison's comfortable life as a banker's wife is upended when her husband suddenly dies. His secret and formidable debts are now hers to somehow pay. To support herself and her son, Rose takes in boarders—but only women with impeccable references. Eventually, though, she reluctantly lowers her standards and boards two seamstresses from the corset factory, who help her clean.

Trouble is brewing at the factory, where a union contract is about to expire. A charismatic organizer arrives from New York to lead the talks and draws Rose into the conflict between the workers and a factory owner bent on killing the union. As Rose's affection and sympathy grow for her boarders, she is confronted with confusing moral choices. It is not enough to care; one must also act.

Anyone who has struggled to do the right thing, even when the cost was high, will be heartened by this story of perseverance against all odds. History buffs will enjoy an insider's look at a little known strike that reveals the challenges faced by union workers before legislation protected them.

2022

The Leavers - A Novel

Lisa Ko

Lisa Ko's powerful debut, *The Leavers*, is the winner of the 2016 PEN/Bellwether Prize for Fiction, awarded by Barbara Kingsolver for a novel that addresses issues of social justice.

One morning, Deming Guo's mother, Polly, an undocumented Chinese immigrant, goes to her job at a

nail salon—and never comes home. No one can find any trace of her.

With his mother gone, eleven-year-old Deming is left mystified and bereft. Eventually adopted by a pair of well-meaning white professors, Deming is moved from the Bronx to a small town upstate and renamed Daniel Wilkinson. But far from all he's ever known, Daniel struggles to reconcile his adoptive parents' desire that he assimilate with his memories of his mother and the community he left behind.

Told from the perspective of both Daniel—as he grows into a directionless young man—and Polly, Ko's novel gives us one of fiction's most singular mothers. Loving and selfish, determined and frightened, Polly is forced to make one heart wrenching choice after another.

Set in New York and China, *The Levers* is a vivid examination of borders and belonging. It's a moving story of how a boy comes into his own when everything he loves is taken away, and how a mother learns to live with the mistakes of the past.

2022

Tomatoland: How Modern Industrial Agriculture Destroyed Our Most Alluring Fruit

Barry Estabrook

Based on a James Beard award-winning article from a leading voice on the politics of agribusiness, this book combines history, legend, passion for taste, and investigative reporting on modern agribusiness and environmental issues into a revealing, controversial look at the tomato, the fruit we love so much that we eat \$4 billion-worth annually.

2022

Tattoos on the Heart

Gregory Boyle

For twenty years, Father Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles—also known as the gang capital of the world. In *Tattoos on the Heart*, he has distilled his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith.

From giant, tattooed Cesar, shopping at JC Penney fresh out of prison, you learn how to feel worthy of God's love. From ten-year-old Pipi you learn the importance of being known and acknowledged. From Lulu you come to understand the kind of patience necessary to rescue someone from the dark—as Father Boyle phrases it, we can only shine a flashlight on a light switch in a darkened room.

This is a motivating look at how to stay faithful in spite of failure, how to meet the world with a loving heart, and how to conquer shame with boundless, restorative love.

2023 ***Youth

Black Was the Ink – Novel

Michelle Coles with Illustrations by Justin Johnson

After escalating violence in his D.C. neighborhood, 16-year-old Malcolm is shipped off by his mother to his father's family farm in Mississippi. Malcolm is anything but pleased. Then he encounters the ghost of his ancestor, Cedric Johnson, and journeys to 1866. As Cedric, Malcolm meets the real-life Black statesmen who fought for change during the Reconstruction era and made American history. But even after witnessing their bravery, Malcolm's faith in his own future remains shaky, particularly since he knows the gains these statesmen made were almost immediately stripped away. Malcolm must decide which path to take. Can Cedric's experiences help him construct a better future? Or will Malcolm resign himself to resentments and defeat?

2023 ***Children

Bright Star (Lucero)

Yuyi Morales [Spanish and English]

With a combination of powerful, spare language and sumptuous, complex imagery, New York Times bestselling author Yuyi Morales weaves the tale of a fawn making her way through the Sonoran Desert, a landscape that is dangerous, beautiful—and full of potential. A gentle voice urges her onward, to face her fears and challenge the obstacles that seek to hold her back. With a voice full of calm, contemplative wisdom, readers are invited to listen and observe, to accept themselves, and to dare to shout.

2023

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

Isabel Wilkerson (Also Available In Spanish)

In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. Using riveting stories about people—including Martin Luther King Jr.—she shows the ways the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day, ultimately pointing to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions toward hope.

2023

Cousins: Connected Through Slavery, A Black Woman and a White Woman Discover Their Past— and Each Other

Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby

What happens when a White woman, Phoebe, contacts a Black woman, Betty, saying she suspects they are connected through slavery? Revealed to be cousins, they commit to a path of reconciliation. In alternating chapters, each tells her dramatic story, from Betty's experience as one of the first Black children to attend her desegregated school to Phoebe's eventual question to Betty: "How do I begin to repair the harms?" Piercingly honest, the book includes a working reparations project that the women conceived together.

2023 ***Children

Nibi's Water Song

Sunshine Tenasco and Illustrated by Chief Lady Bird

This bright and vivacious book from two Indigenous creators celebrates the energy, moxie, and determination of water activists of all ages. When Nibi, an Indigenous girl, turns the tap in her house, only mucky brown water comes out. That starts her on a search for clean water to drink. Though she must face polluted rivers, unfriendly neighbors, and discouragement, Nibi's joyful energy becomes a catalyst for change and action as her community rallies around her to make clean drinking water available for all.

2023

The Four Winds – Novel

Kristin Hannah

Bestselling author Kristin Hannah delivers a powerful epic about love, heroism and hope during the Great Depression, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them. Centered on Elsa Wolcott, married to a Great Plains farmer whose land is ravaged by dust storms and drought, each day has become a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive. Elsa must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west in search of a better life for her family. *The Four Winds* is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and have-nots.

2023

The Green New Deal

Jeremy Rifkin

With 25 years of experience at the forefront of enacting green transitions for both the European Union and the People's Republic of China, New York Times bestselling author and renowned economic and social theorist Jeremy Rifkin offers his indispensable wisdom in a blueprint for how to transform the global economy and save life on earth. This book offers an urgent, workable plan to confront climate change and transform America's economy for a post-fossil fuel world.

2023

The New American - A Novel

Micheline Aharonian Marcom

Inspired in part by interviews with Central American refugees, and told in lyrical prose, Micheline Aharonian Marcom weaves a heart-pounding and heartbreaking tale of one young man who risks so much to go home. One day, Emilio learns a shocking secret: he is undocumented. His parents, who emigrated from Guatemala to California, had never told him. When the young Guatemalan American college student gets into a car accident he is soon deported to Guatemala. Determined to get back to California, the only home he has ever known, Emilio makes an epic journey across thousands of miles and eventually the Sonoran Desert and the U.S.-Mexico border, meeting thieves and corrupt law enforcement but also kind strangers and new friends.

2023

What Can I Do?: My Path from Climate Despair to Action

Jane Fonda

In 2019, daunted by the looming disaster of climate change and inspired by Greta Thunberg, Naomi Klein, and student climate strikers, activist Jane Fonda asked herself one question: What can I do? She moved to Washington, D.C., and teamed up with Greenpeace, leading climate scientists, and community organizers not only to understand what's at stake, but to equip all of us with the education and tools we need to join her in protest. *What Can I Do?* isn't a wish list but a to-do list, urging us to wake up and take action.

2024

As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock

Dina Gilio-Whitaker

Through the unique lens of "Indigenized environmental justice," researcher and activist Dina Gilio-Whitaker explores the fraught history of treaty violations, struggles for food and water security, and protection of sacred sites, while highlighting the leadership of Indigenous women in this centuries-long struggle. *As Long as Grass Grows* gives readers a history of Indigenous resistance to government and corporate incursions on their lands and offers new approaches to environmental justice activism. This is the story of Native peoples' resistance to environmental injustice and land incursions, and a call for environmentalists to learn from the Indigenous community's rich history of activism.

2024

Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence

Shaine Claiborne and Michael Martin

Bestselling author and activist Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin show why Christians should be concerned about gun violence and how they can be part of the solution. The authors transcend stale rhetoric about gun control to offer a creative and productive response. Full-color images show how guns are being turned into tools and musical instruments across the nation. Charts, tables, and facts convey the realities of gun violence in America, but as the authors make clear, there is a story behind every statistic. *Beating Guns* allows victims and perpetrators to tell their own compelling stories, offering hope for change.

2024

Conditional Citizens: On Belonging in America

Laila Lalami

What does it mean to be American? In this starkly illuminating and impassioned book, Pulitzer Prize Finalist Laila Lalami recounts her unlikely journey from Moroccan immigrant to U.S. citizen, using it as a starting point for her exploration of American rights, liberties, and protections. Tapping into history, politics, and literature, she elucidates how accidents of birth—such as national origin, race, and gender—that once determined the boundaries of Americanness still cast their shadows today. A New York Times Editors' Choice, as well as a Best Book of the Year for Time, NPR, Bookpage, and L.A. Times.

2024 *** Youth

Echoes of Grace – A Novel

Guadalupe Garcia

This triumphant new novel explores sisterhood, family secrets, intergenerational trauma, life, and love in a modern Gothic setting with a magical realist twist. In Eagle Pass, Texas, Grace struggles to understand the echoes she inherited from her mother's visions, which often distort her reality. One morning, a disturbing echo takes hold of Grace, and tragedy strikes. As Grace's echoes bring ghosts and premonitions, they also bring memories of when Grace fled to Mexico to the house of her maternal grandmother—a woman who Grace had been told died long ago. Will piecing together the truth heal her, or will the echoes destroy everything she holds dear?

2024

Ecowomanism: African American Women and Earth-Honoring Faiths

Melanie L. Harris

Scholarship on African American history and culture has often neglected the tradition of African American women who engage in theological and religious reflection on their ethical and moral responsibility to care for the earth. But in *Ecowomanism*, Melanie Harris argues that African American women make distinctive contributions to the environmental justice movement in the ways that they theologize, theorize, practice spiritual activism, and come into religious understandings about our

relationship with the earth. Incorporating elements of her family history to set the stage for her argument, Harris intersperses her academic reflections with her own personal stories and anecdotes.

2024

Ghosts in the Schoolyard: Racism and School Closings on Chicago's South Side

Eve L. Ewing

Dr. Eve Louise Ewing is a sociologist whose research is focused on racism, social inequality, urban policy, and the impact of these forces on American public schools and young people. Here, Ewing takes a hard look at Chicago Public Schools. While people talk about them with a mix of pity and contempt, Ewing knows them from the inside: as a student, then a teacher, and now a scholar who studies them. That perspective has shown her public schools are not buildings full of failures but an integral part of their neighborhoods, at the heart of their communities, storehouses of history and memory that bring people together.

2024 *** Children

Kids Fight Climate Change: Act Now to be a #2Minutesuperhero

Martin Dorey

Our planet is in trouble! But with the help of this book, every kid can be a superhero making a difference. Sixty engaging missions guide readers through making carbon-saving changes in all aspects of their lives, from gardening to gadgets—even a do-it-yourself water-saving device for their toilet tank. Aided by lively illustrations, the author weaves crucial climate statistics and helpful resources with stories of positive change already happening, such as the resurgence of the Eurasian beaver due to conservation efforts. Along the way, readers meet other superheroes, both animal and human, who are changing the world, too.

2024 *** Children

Mavynee Betsch Saving American Beach: The Biography of African American Environmentalist

Heidi Tyline King

This heartfelt biography tells the story of MaVynee Betsch, an African American opera singer turned environmentalist and the legacy she preserved. Betsch loved going to the beach. But in the days of Jim Crow, most of the beaches in Jacksonville were for Whites only. Her grandfather bought a beach that African American families could enjoy without being reminded they were second class citizens; he called it American Beach. After the beach fell into disrepair, Betsch remembered the importance of American Beach and began her second act as a conservationist, ultimately saving the place that always felt most like home.

2024

Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor

Layla Saad

Awareness leads to action, and action leads to change. This eye-opening book challenges readers to do the essential work of unpacking biases, and helps White people take action and dismantle the privilege within themselves to stop (often unconsciously) inflicting damage on people of color, and in turn, help other White people do better, too. Based on the viral Instagram challenge that captivated participants worldwide, *Me and White Supremacy* takes readers on a 28-day journey, complete with journal prompts, to do the necessary and vital work that can ultimately lead to improving race relations.

2024 *** Youth

Running – A Novel

Natalia Sylvester

When 15-year-old Cuban American Mariana Ruiz's father runs for president, Mari starts to see him with new eyes. In this debut novel about privacy, waking up, and speaking up, her father's presidential campaign brings a new level of scrutiny to sheltered Mariana and the rest of her family, from a 60 Minutes-style tour of their house to tabloids doctoring photos and inventing scandals. As tensions rise within the Ruiz family, Mari realizes her father is not the man she thought he was. But how do you find your voice when everyone's watching?

2024

Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World

Katharine Hayhoe

In *Saving Us*, Canadian climate scientist Hayhoe argues that when it comes to changing hearts and minds, facts are only one part of the equation. We need to find shared values in order to connect our unique identities to collective action. This is not another doomsday narrative about a planet on fire. It is a multilayered look at science, faith, and human psychology from an icon in her field—recently named chief scientist at The Nature Conservancy. Drawing on interdisciplinary research and personal stories, Hayhoe shows that small conversations can have astonishing results.

2024

The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church's Complicity in Racism

Jemar Tisby

The Color of Compromise is not a call to shame or a platform to blame White evangelical Christians. Rather, it is a call from a place of love and desire to fight for a more racially unified church that no longer compromises what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality, and a call that challenges Black

and White Christians alike to stand up now and begin implementing change. Here, Tisby outlines concrete ways to bring about a more equitable and inclusive environment among God's people—starting today.

2024

The Nickel Boys / Los Chicos De Nickel

Colson Whitehead

When Elwood Curtis, a Black boy in 1960s Tallahassee, is unfairly sentenced to a juvenile reformatory called the Nickel Academy, he finds himself trapped in a chamber of horrors. Elwood's only salvation is his friendship with fellow "delinquent" Turner, which deepens despite Turner's conviction that Elwood is hopelessly naive, the world is crooked, and the only way to survive is to scheme and avoid trouble. Based on the real story of a reform school that operated for 111 years and warped the lives of thousands, *The Nickel Boys* dramatizes another strand of American history through the story of two boys unjustly sentenced.

2024

The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth

Kristen Henning

Drawing upon 25 years of representing Black youth in Washington, D.C.'s juvenile courts, Henning confronts America's irrational, manufactured fears of these young people and makes a powerfully compelling case that the crisis in racist American policing begins with its relationship to Black children. Henning explains how discriminatory, aggressive policing has socialized a generation of Black teenagers to fear, resent, and resist police, and she details the long-term consequences of racism that they experience at the hands of police and their vigilante surrogates. Unlike White youth, Black youth are seen as a threat and are denied healthy adolescent development.

2024

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone

Heather McGhee

Heather McGhee's specialty is the American economy—and the mystery of why it often fails the American public. From the financial crisis of 2008 to rising student debt to collapsing public infrastructure, she found a root problem: racism in politics and policymaking. But not just in the most obvious indignities for people of color. Racism has costs for White people, too. McGhee embarks on a journey across the country from Maine to Mississippi to California, tallying what we lose when we buy into the zero-sum paradigm—the idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others.

2024

Until I Am Free: Fannie Lou Hamer's Enduring Message to America

Keisha N. Blain

Award-winning historian and bestselling author Blain situates Fannie Lou Hamer as a key political thinker alongside leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Rosa Parks and demonstrates how her ideas remain salient for a new generation of activists committed to dismantling systems of oppression. Despite her limited material resources and the myriad of challenges she endured as a Black woman living in poverty in Mississippi, Hamer committed herself to making a difference in the lives of others. A blend of social commentary, biography, and intellectual history, the book is a manifesto for anyone committed to social justice.

2024 *** Children

We Are Water Protectors

Carole Lindstrom

Winner of the 2021 Caldecott Medal and a number-one New York Times bestseller, *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption. Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, it is a bold and lyrical picture book written by Carole Lindstrom and vibrantly illustrated by Michaela Goade about one young water protector who takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.

2024

Willful Defiance: The Movement to Dismantle the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Mark Warren

In *Willful Defiance*, Warren—professor of public policy and public affairs at the University of Massachusetts Boston—documents how Black and Brown parents, students, and low-income communities of color organized to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline in their local schools and built an intersectional movement that spread across the country. Examining organizing processes in Mississippi, Los Angeles, Chicago, and other localities, he shows how relatively small groups of community members built the power to win policy changes to reduce suspensions and expulsions by combining deep local organizing with resources from the national movement.

2024 *** Children

You Have a Voice

Vera Ahyya

Inspired by Ahyya's viral video that has been viewed by millions comes her powerful debut children's book, *You Have a Voice*. The book celebrates the power every child naturally holds in using their voice to make change for good—and empowers both children and grown-ups to use their voice in the world.