

## OSLC Faith & Justice Recommended Books

Title	Author(s)	Description or Comment	Recommended By
Gender Queer: A Memoir	Maia Kobabe	highly illuminating	Terry Rasmussen
An Afro Indigenous History of the United States	Kyle T. Mays	The last chapter includes a 10-page section on reparations that is especially interesting	John Bisbee
Rethinking Life: Embracing the Sacredness of Every Person	Shane Claiborne	A powerful look at what a true “pro-life” theology looks like and demands of us	Beth DeHaven
Solito: a Memoir	Javier Zamora	A memoir of crossing the border as a 9-year-old boy and the trauma and inspiration of it. I loved this book; it was compelling, gut wrenching and well written	Karyn Eddins
Southernization of America	Frye Gaillard and Cynthia Tucker	Powerful book on the centrality of the South to the American experience through the lenses of evangelical religion, school desegregation, the election of the first Black president, and the subsequent election of Trump. Succinct enlightening review of our history through the lens of slavery and racism up to 2022 in an informative and interesting format. 165 pages.	Becky Shelley Kay Gillespie
The Color of Compromise	Jemar Tisby		Sharon Petersen
Sula	Toni Morrison	Fiction: One of her first books. Beautifully written - a story of a small black community in Ohio and particularly of two girls who grow up there.	Melanie Reed
Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization	Neil deGrasse Tyson	addresses social issues with an eye toward different kinds of truth - objective truths (scientifically proven), personal truths (your personal beliefs that cannot be scientifically proven), and political truths (unassailable beliefs caused by incessant repetition).	Bill Gerdes Ruth Brown
White Too Long	Robert P. Jones	Legacy of white supremacy in American Christianity; powerful and eye-opening	John Bisbee

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together	Heather McGhee	Heather highlights unseen racism in many of our politics/policies. The theme is that our fixed-sum thinking costs both white people and black people. She proposes a solidarity dividend we could all reap if we come together.	Diana Hutchinson Ruth Brown Beth DeHaven
Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants	Robin Wall Kimmerer	This engaging book shifted my thinking on many topics, especially with how we relate to our non-human relations.	Diana Hutchinson
My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies	Resmaa Menakem	Resmaa argues that racism is body-centered and can only be resolved when we heal the historical trauma in white, black, and police bodies. This book taught me helpful somatic practices, and gave me hope for a way of moving ourselves, our community, and our nation forward.	Diana Hutchinson
The Reason I Jump	Documentary based on book by Naoki Higashida	This movie (available on Kanopy or Netflix) is about the experience of autistic people around the world. The book was written by a non-speaking autistic teen in Japan, and I had many of my assumptions of what it means to be autistic challenged.	Diana Hutchinson
Jesus and John Wayne	Kristin Kobes du Mez	eye-opening	Patricia Frieauf
All That She Carried	Teya Miles		Ruth Brown
There Is Nothing for You Here	Fiona Hill		Ruth Brown
Caste	Isabel Wilkerson		Ruth Brown
Lessons from the Edge	Marie Yovanovitch		Ruth Brown
Nomadland	Jessica Bruder		Ruth Brown
The Great Displacement	Jake Bittle		Ruth Brown
The Light We Carry	Michelle Obama		Ruth Brown
Killers of the Flower Moon	David Grann		Ruth Brown
Just Mercy	Bryan Stevenson		Ruth Brown