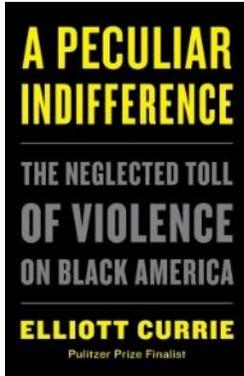


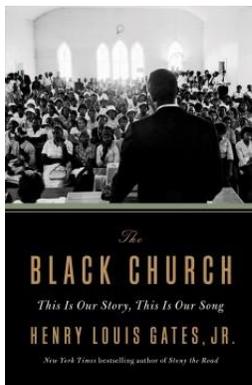
Oprah's Books



[A peculiar indifference](#) (Sep 2020)

By: Currie, Elliott

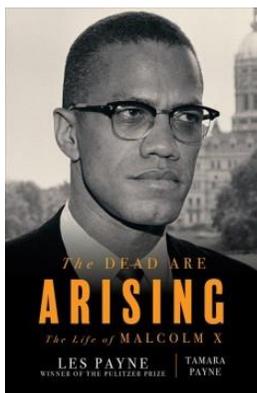
Offers a devastating exploration of the racial disparities in violent death and injury in America and a blueprint for ending this fundamental social injustice.



[The Black church](#) (Feb 2021)

By: Gates, Henry Louis, 1950-

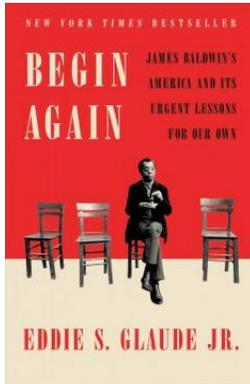
A history of the Black church in America that illuminates its essential role in culture, politics and resistance to white supremacy.



[The dead are arising](#) (Sep 2020)

By: Payne, Les, 1941-

A revisionary portrait of the iconic civil rights leader draws on hundreds of hours of interviews with surviving family members, intelligence officers and political leaders to offer new insights into Malcolm X's Depression-era youth, religious conversion and 1965 assassination.

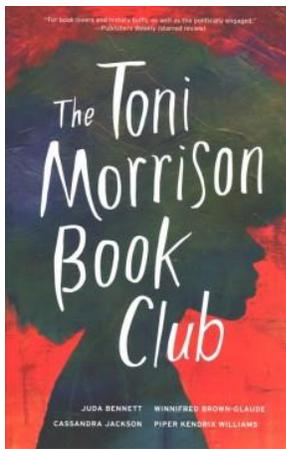


[Begin again](#) (Apr 2020)

By: Glaude, Eddie S., Jr., 1968-

James Baldwin grew disillusioned by the failure of the Civil Rights movement to force America to confront its lies about race; in the era of Trump, what can we learn from his struggle?

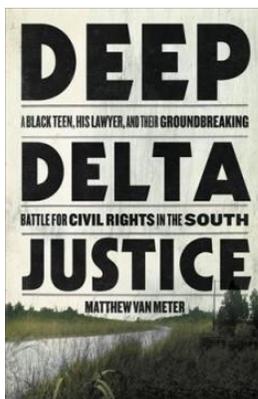
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[The Toni Morrison book club](#) (Feb 2020)

By: Bennett, Juda, 1955-

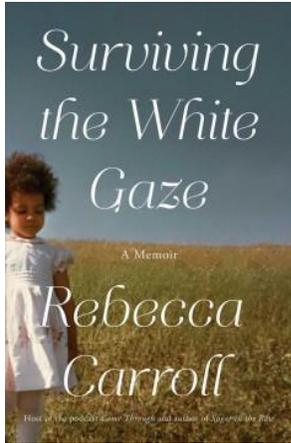
What is a book club but an excuse to talk to friends? The Toni Morrison Book Club brings that experience to life by telling the story of four friends who turn to Toni Morrison as they search for meaning in their lives. In this startling group memoir, the writers--black and white, gay and straight, immigrant and American born--allow Morrison's words, like music, to make them feel, confess, and discover. The result is a collection of deeply personal conversations about everything from first love to Soul Train to police brutality, all told with an ever present lens on race in America. Not shying away from controversies, this book offers a radically new way to envision book clubs as a healing force in our lives.



[Deep Delta justice](#) (Jul 2020)

By: Van Meter, Matthew

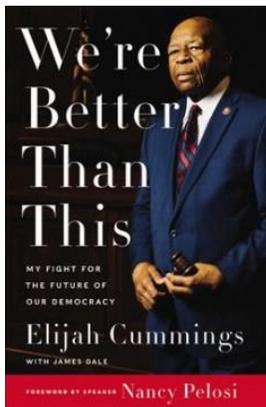
In 1966 in a small town in Louisiana, a 19-year-old black man named Gary Duncan pulled his car off the road to stop a fight between a group of four white kids and two of Gary's own cousins. After putting his hand on the arm of one of the white children, Duncan was arrested for assault. A member of the local branch of the NAACP, Duncan used his contacts to reach Richard Sobol, a 29-year-old born and bred New Yorker working that summer in a black firm ("the most radical law firm") in New Orleans, to represent him. In this powerful work of character-driven history, Van Meter brings alive how one court case changed the course of justice in the South, and eventually the entire country.



[Surviving the white gaze](#) (Feb 2021)

By: Carroll, Rebecca

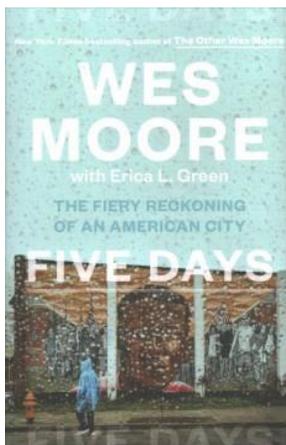
A woman describes growing up as the only black person in a rural New Hampshire town, the tense relationship she had with her birth mother, her loyalty towards her adoptive parents and her search for racial identity.



[We're better than this](#) (Sep 2020)

By: Cummings, Elijah

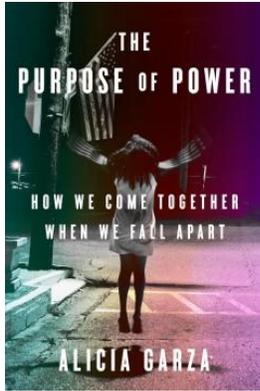
A memoir by the late Congressman details how his experiences as a sharecroppers' son in volatile South Baltimore shaped his life in activism, explaining how government oversight can become a positive part of a just American collective.



[Five days](#) (Jun 2020)

By: Moore, Wes, 1978-

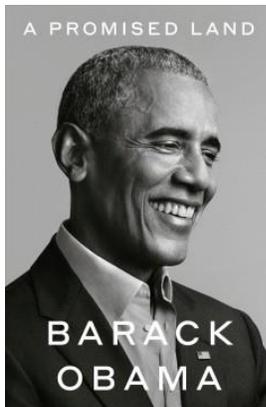
An account of the 2015 police-brutality killing of Freddie Gray retraces key events from the perspectives of seven insiders, including a conflicted Baltimore Police Department captain, the victim's sister and the owner of the Baltimore Orioles.



[The purpose of power: how we come together when we fall apart](#) (Oct 2020)

By: Garza, Alicia, 1981-

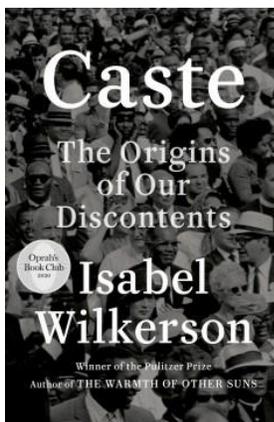
A guide to building the type of movements that can address the challenges of our time, from one of the country's leading organizers—one of the creators of Black Lives Matter.



[A promised land](#) (Nov 2020)

By: Obama, Barack

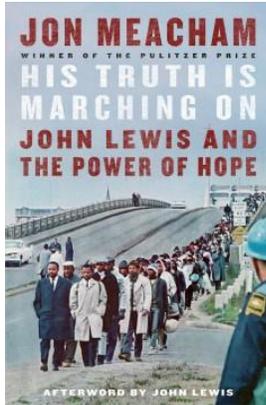
A deeply personal account of history in the making--from the president who inspired us to believe in the power of democracy.



[Caste](#) (Aug 2020)

By: Wilkerson, Isabel

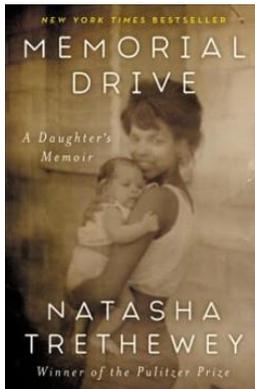
The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* identifies the qualifying characteristics of historical caste systems to reveal how a rigid hierarchy of human rankings, enforced by religious views, heritage and stigma, impact everyday American lives.



[His truth is marching on](#) (Aug 2020)

By: Meacham, Jon

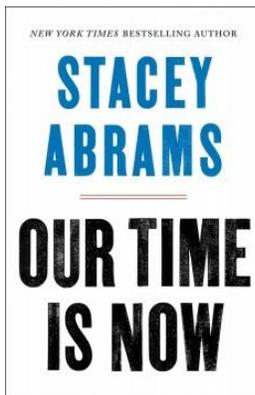
John Lewis, who at age twenty-five marched in Selma, Alabama, and was beaten on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, was a visionary and a man of faith. Drawing on decades of wide-ranging interviews with Lewis, Jon Meacham writes of how this great-grandson of a slave and son of an Alabama tenant farmer was inspired by the Bible and his teachers in nonviolence, Reverend James Lawson and Martin Luther King, Jr., to put his life on the line in the service of what Abraham Lincoln called "the better angels of our nature." Integral to Lewis's commitment to bettering the nation was his faith in humanity and in God - and an unshakable belief in the power of hope.



[Memorial Drive](#) (Jul 2020)

By: Trethewey, Natasha D., 1966-

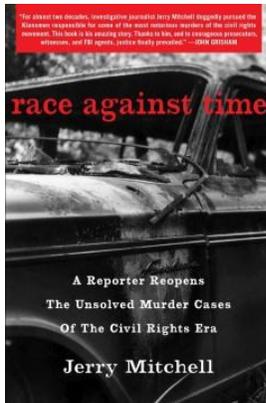
The former U.S. poet laureate and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Native Guard* shares a chillingly personal memoir about the brutal murder of her mother at the hands of her former stepfather.



[Our time is now](#) (Jun 2020)

By: Abrams, Stacey

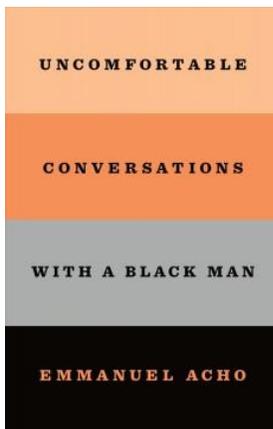
The award-winning House Democratic Leader and best-selling author of *Lead from the Outside* draws on extensive national research to outline an empowering blueprint for ending voter suppression, reclaiming identity and reshaping progressive politics in America.



[Race against time](#) (Feb 2020)

By: Mitchell, Jerry

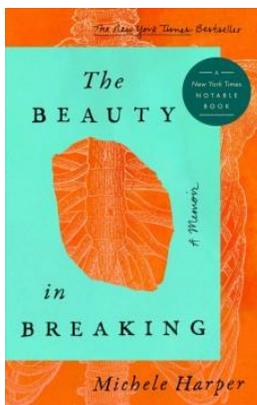
An award-winning investigative journalist recounts the 1964 “Mississippi Burning” murders of three civil rights workers by the KKK, describing his role in reopening the case and bringing its mastermind and participating Klansmen to justice.



[Uncomfortable conversations with a Black man](#) (Nov 2020)

By: Acho, Emmanuel

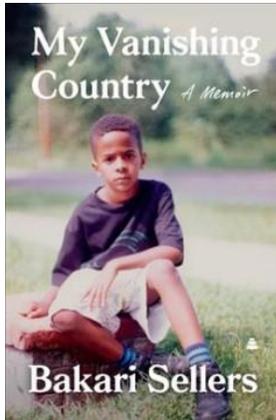
"You cannot fix a problem you do not know you have." So begins Emmanuel Acho in his essential guide to the truths Americans need to know to address the systemic racism that has recently electrified protests in all fifty states. There is a fix, Acho says. But in order to access it, we're going to have to have some uncomfortable conversations. Acho takes on all the questions, large and small, insensitive and taboo, that many white Americans are afraid to ask - yet which everyone needs the answers to, now more than ever. With the same open-hearted generosity that has made his video series a phenomenon, Acho provides a space of compassion and understanding in a discussion that can lack both. He asks only for the readers curiosity - but along the way, he will galvanize all of us to join the antiracist fight.



[The beauty in breaking](#) (Jul 2020)

By: Harper, Michele

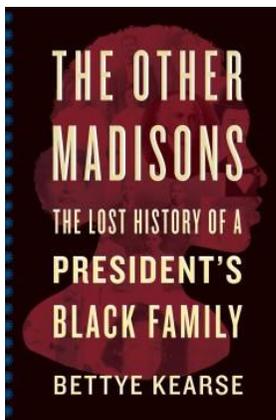
A female, African American ER physician describes how her own life and encounters with her patients led her to realize that every human is broken and recognizing that and moving towards a place of healing can bring peace and happiness.



[My vanishing country](#) (May 2020)

By: Sellers, Bakari, 1984-

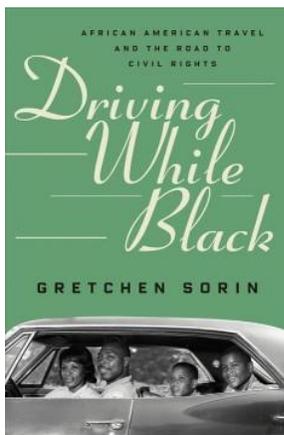
The CNN analyst and record-setting South Carolina State Representative chronicles the past, present and likely future of the American South, discussing his father's civil rights heroism and the ignored harsh realities of the black working class.



[The other Madisons](#) (Mar 2020)

By: Kears, Bettye

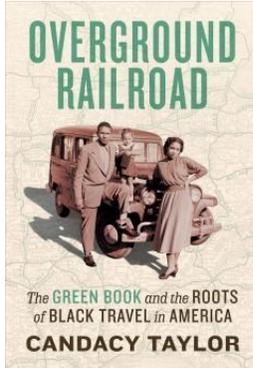
For thousands of years, West African griots (men) and griottes (women) have recited the stories of their people. Without this tradition Bettye Kears would not have known that she is a descendant of President James Madison and his slave, and half-sister, Coreen. In 1990, Bettye became the eighth-generation griotte for her family. Their credo--"Always remember--you're a Madison. You come from African slaves and a president"--was intended to be a source of pride, but for her, it echoed with abuses of slavery, including rape and incest. Confronting those abuses, Bettye embarked on a journey of discovery--of her ancestors, the nation, and herself.



[Driving while black](#) (Feb 2020)

By: Sorin, Gretchen Sullivan

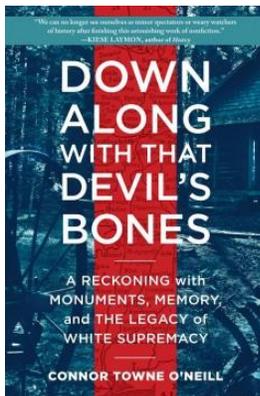
The true story behind the award-winning film of the same name explores the role of travel in civil rights, the specific impact of the automobile on African-American life and the cultural importance of Victor and Alma Green's famous Green Book.



[Overground railroad](#) (Jan 2020)

By: Taylor, Candacy

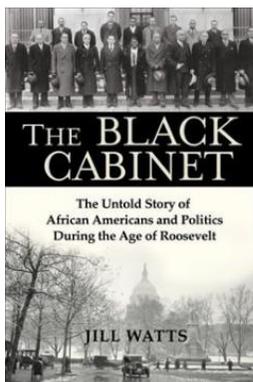
Examines the important historical role of the “Black travel guide to America” published from 1936 to 1966, celebrating the courage of Black-safe businesses that advanced race relations by including themselves in Green Book listings.



[Down along with that devil's bones](#) (Oct 2020)

By: O'Neill, Connor Towne, 1989-

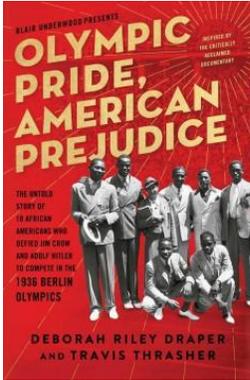
A journalist's memoir-plus-reporting about modern-day conflicts over Southern monuments to Nathan Bedford Forrest, a Confederate hero and original leader of the Ku Klux Klan, as well as a personal examination of the legacy of white supremacy through the US today, tracing the throughline from Appomattox to Charlottesville.



[The black cabinet](#) (May 2020)

By: Watts, Jill, 1958-

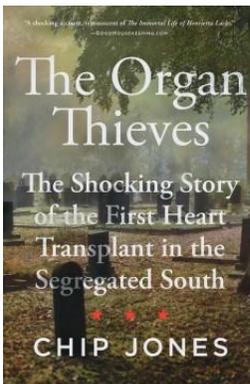
Describes the group of African-Americans that joined the Roosevelt administration during the Great Depression, forming the Black Cabinet, who worked to devise and recommend solutions to the exclusion and racism they faced as part of the New Deal.



[Olympic pride, American prejudice](#) (Feb 2020)

By: Draper, Deborah Riley

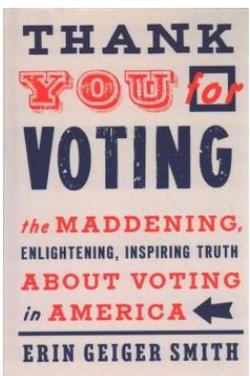
Describes the inspiring story of 18 African Americans, including Jesse Owens and Jackie Robinson's brother Mack, who competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics despite the racism at home and abroad in this companion to the upcoming documentary.



[The organ thieves](#) (Aug 2020)

By: Jones, Chip

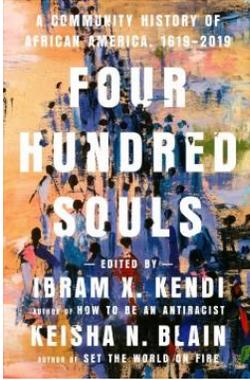
An investigation into how racial inequality has shaped the heart transplant race describes how in 1968 an injured black man checked into a hospital before his heart was removed and donated without his family's knowledge or consent.



[Thank you for voting](#) (Jun 2020)

By: Smith, Erin Geiger

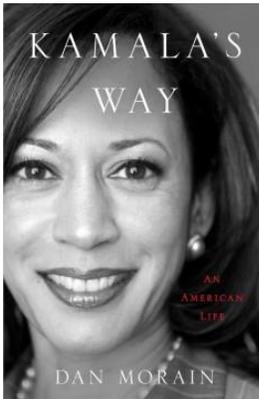
A journalistic examination of the ongoing fight for voting equality shares insights into why so few Americans vote, citing the role of corporations in encouraging voter turnout while outlining innovative approaches to voter education and motivation.



[Four hundred souls](#) (Feb 2021)

By: Kendi, Ibram X.

2019 marked the four hundredth anniversary of the first African presence in the Americas - and also launched the Four Hundred Souls project, spearheaded by Ibram X. Kendi, director of the Antiracism Institute of American University, and Keisha Blain, editor of The North Star. They've gathered together eighty black writers from all disciplines - historians and artists, journalists and novelists - each of whom has contributed an entry about one five-year period to create a dynamic multivoiced single-volume history of black people in America.



[Kamala's way](#) (Jan 2021)

By: Morain, Dan

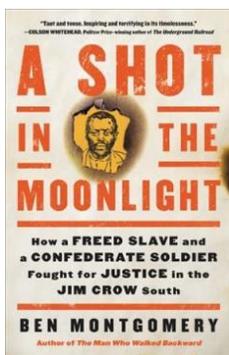
A revelatory biography of the first Black woman to stand for Vice President charts how the daughter of two immigrants in segregated California became one of this country's most effective power players.



[Making our way home](#) (Jan 2020)

By: Imani, Blair

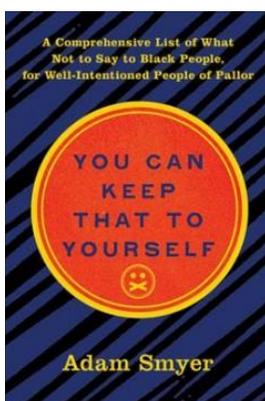
A powerful illustrated history of the Great Migration and its sweeping impact on Black and American culture, from Reconstruction to the rise of hip hop. Over the course of six decades, an unprecedented wave of Black Americans left the South and spread across the nation in search of a better life--a migration that sparked stunning demographic and cultural changes in twentieth-century America. Through gripping and accessible historical narrative paired with illustrations, author and activist Blair Imani examines the largely overlooked impact of The Great Migration and how it affected--and continues to affect--Black identity and America as a whole. Making Our Way Home explores issues like voting rights, domestic terrorism, discrimination, and segregation alongside the flourishing of arts and culture, activism, and civil rights.



[A shot in the moonlight](#) (Jan 2021)

By: Montgomery, Ben

A true tale of justice in the Jim Crow south relates the story of George Dinning, a freed slave who was wrongfully convicted of murder after defending himself against a white mob and later won damages against them in court with the help of a Confederate war hero-turned-lawyer.



[You can keep that to yourself](#) (Sep 2020)

By: Smyer, Adam

Your good intentions used to be enough. But in these diverse and divisive times, some people would hold you accountable for your actions. You were not raised for such unfairness. You need help. And help you now have. Let Daquan--that black coworker you are referring to when you claim to have black friends--help you navigate perilous small talk with African Americans with this handy field guide. This portable bit of emotional labor puts at your fingertips a tabbed and alphabetized list of things not to say to black people. Finally!

