

MORE: Books Ends Questions.

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This will be a new feature of our services to stakeholders by having meaningful monthly dialogues on a book. Our goal is to invite participants to explore learning by reading various books and making applications to current events, issues, and challenges in our respective communities. We will provide a list of suggested books and dates for those engagements. We know that self-learning requires an inquiring mind and others to bounce ideas on the topics. Too often, we expect institutional organizations and governmental systems to guide our search for knowledge when that is only sometimes the case. Many are focused on their financial viability and creating clogs for the industrial complex supporting capitalism and its destructive elements in our communities. We will focus on historical, current, and other books of nonfiction that could germinate social justice activities for society.

We will partner or cohost with other groups and organizations interested in reading. As Carter G. Woodson G. Carter once said, if you want to hide something from people, you put it in a book. He is considered the "Father of Black History."

It is thus awakening and searching to gain a truer meaning of life. As the old African proverb goes, knowledge never bends to ignorance. We must put such ideas into practice by translating our ideas into actions. We have created a generation of lazy, unproductive containers or non-questioners because they believe in quick solutions and microwave education. If we are not using some forms of evaluation of outcomes, outputs, and empirical determinations of facts, then we are caught in a time warp of emotions that do not produce change. Below is the list of books that we plan to discover and find answers to our bookend questions. There are links to our registration and others to other partner groups sponsoring those events.

1. Dying of Whiteness: How the Politics of Racial Resentment is Killing America's Heartland. By Jonathan Metzl
2. Black AF History: The Un-Whitewashed Story of History by Michael Harriot
3. The Hidden Root of What Supremacy: and the Path to a Shared American Future by Robert P. Jones
4. Ku Klux Kulture: American and the Klan in the 1920s by Felix Harcourt
5. The Inheritors: An Intimate Portrait of South Africa's Racial Reckoning by Eve Fairbanks.
6. Call and Response: Stories by Gothataone Moeng
7. Until I am Free: Fannie Lou Hamer's Enduring Message to America Keisha N. Blain
8. Delinquent: How the American Juvenile Court is Failing Black Children by Daphne Robinson
9. White Malice: The CIA and the Covert Recolonization of Africa by Susan Williams
10. Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy by David Zucchino

There are questions that we ask that each participant ponder as they search for meaning and understanding.

1. What were the most awe-inspiring concepts, themes, or pearls of wisdom that came from that chapter, book, or section?
2. How will you translate that concept into your reality, community, or circle of influence for change?
3. One good book or article requires another one. Where does this next step or suggested readings of other books begin for that major trek?
4. Would you recommend this book or reading for others? What are the selling points that would make it worthwhile to read the book?