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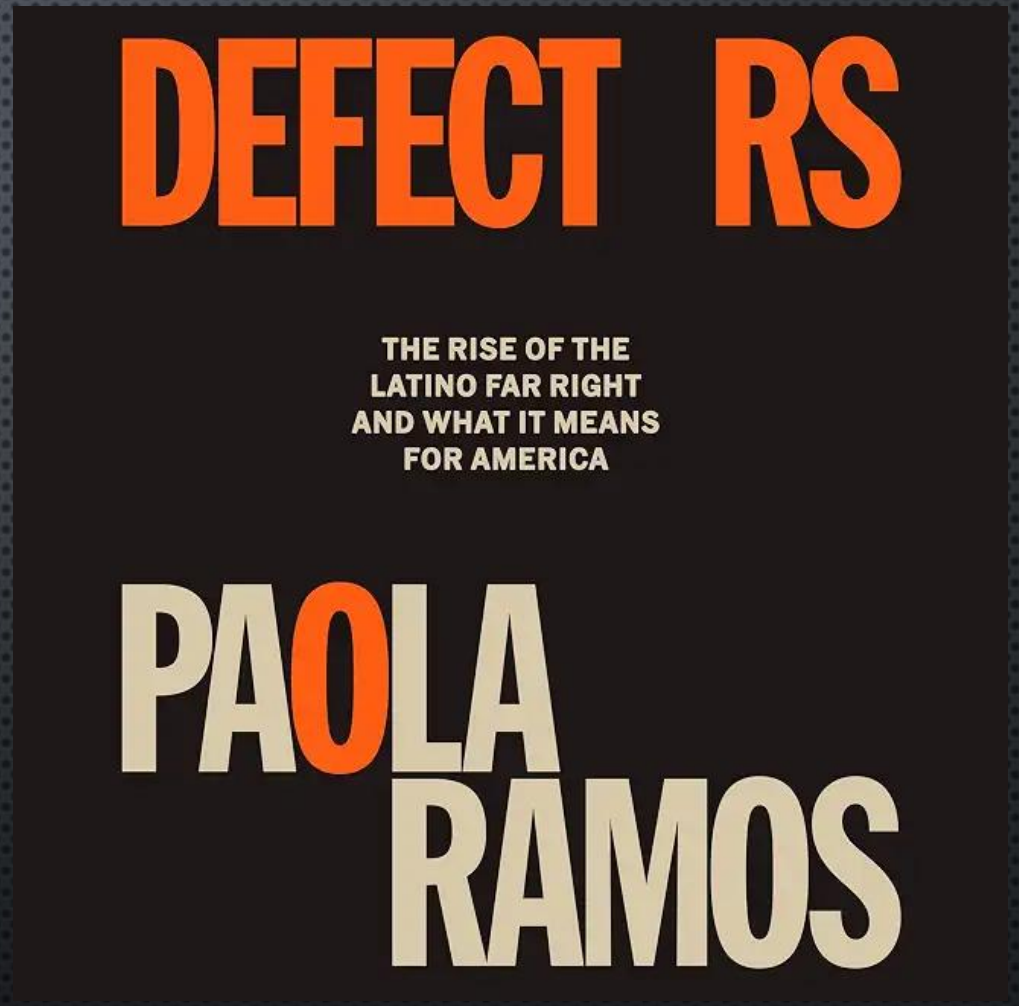
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# DEFECTORS:  RISE OF THE LATINO FAR RIGHT THE AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR AMERICA

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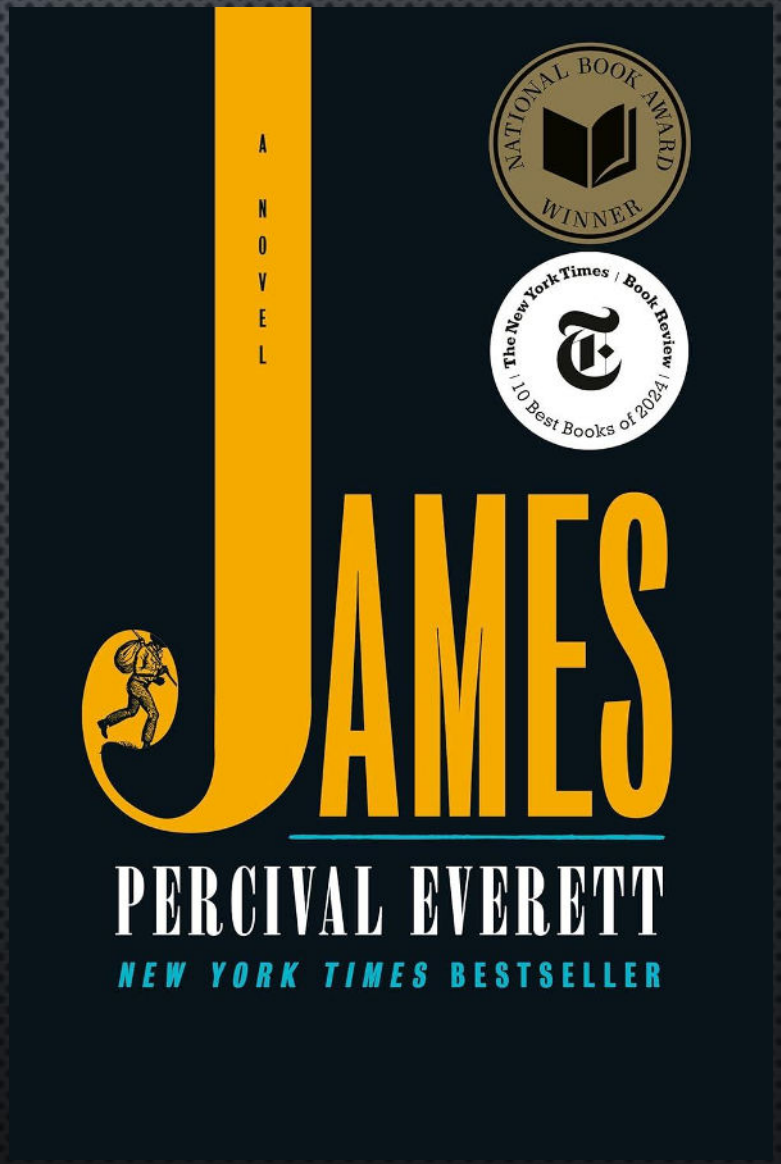

DEMOCRATS HAVE HISTORICALLY ASSUMED THEY CAN RELY ON THE LATINO VOTE, BUT RECENT ELECTIONS HAVE CALLED THAT LOYALTY INTO QUESTION. IN FACT, DESPITE HIS VOCIFEROUS ANTI-IMMIGRANT RHETORIC AND DISASTROUS BORDER POLICIES, TRUMP WON A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF THE LATINO VOTE IN 2020 THAN HE DID IN 2016. NOW, JOURNALIST PAOLA RAMOS PULLS BACK THE CURTAIN ON THESE VOTERS, TRAVELING AROUND THE COUNTRY TO UNCOVER WHAT MOTIVATES THEM TO VOTE FOR AND SUPPORT ISSUES THAT SEEM SO AT ODDS WITH THEIR SELF-INTEREST.

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# JAMES: A NOVEL

## Author: Percival Everett
## Date Published: 3/19/2024

When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, recently returned to town. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond. While many narrative set pieces of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn remain in place (floods and storms, stumbling across both unexpected death and unexpected treasure in the myriad stopping points along the river's banks, encountering the scam artists posing as the Duke and Dauphin…), Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light. Brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations that have made Everett a "literary icon" (Oprah Daily), and one of the most decorated writers of our lifetime, James is destined to be a cornerstone of twenty-first century American literature.

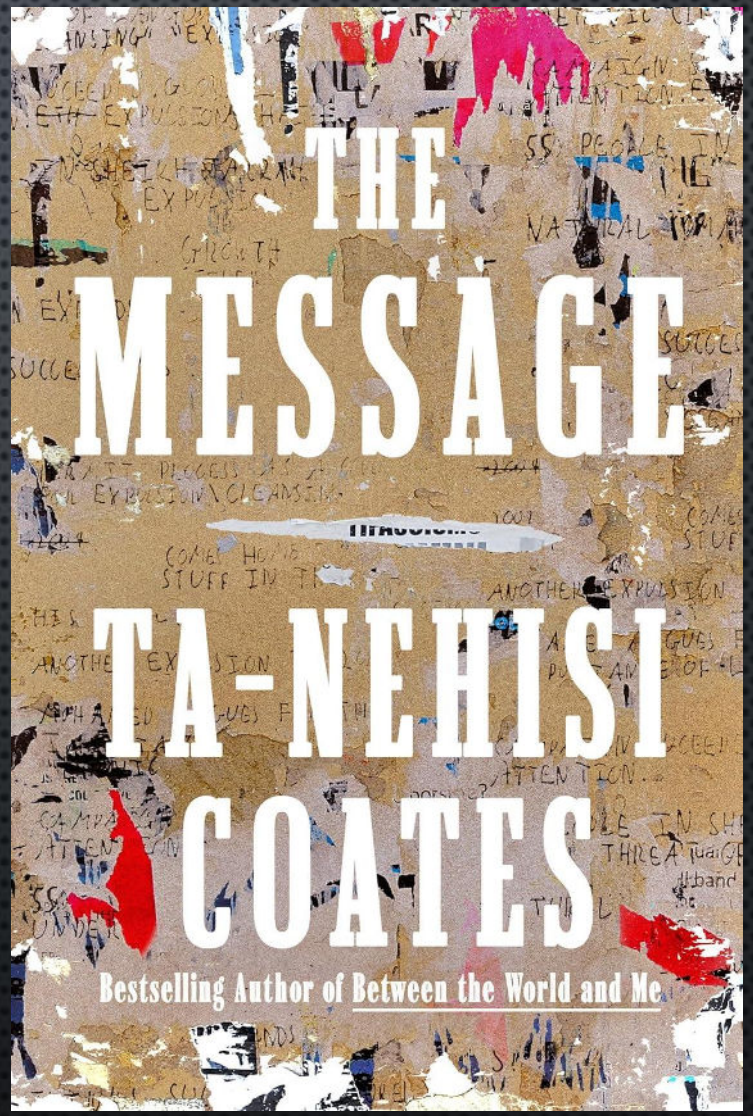



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# THE MESSAGE

Author: Ta-Nehisi Coates
Date Published: 10/1/2024

In the first of the book's three intertwining essays, Coates, on his first trip to Africa, finds himself in two places at once: in Dakar, a modern city in Senegal, and in a mythic kingdom in his mind. Then he takes readers along with him to Columbia, South Carolina, where he reports on his own book's banning, but also explores the larger backlash to the nation's recent reckoning with history and the deeply rooted American mythology so visible in that city—a capital of the Confederacy with statues of segregationists looming over its public squares. Finally, in the book's longest section, Coates travels to Palestine, where he sees with devastating clarity how easily we are misled by nationalist narratives, and the tragedy that lies in the clash between the stories we tell and the reality of life on the ground.



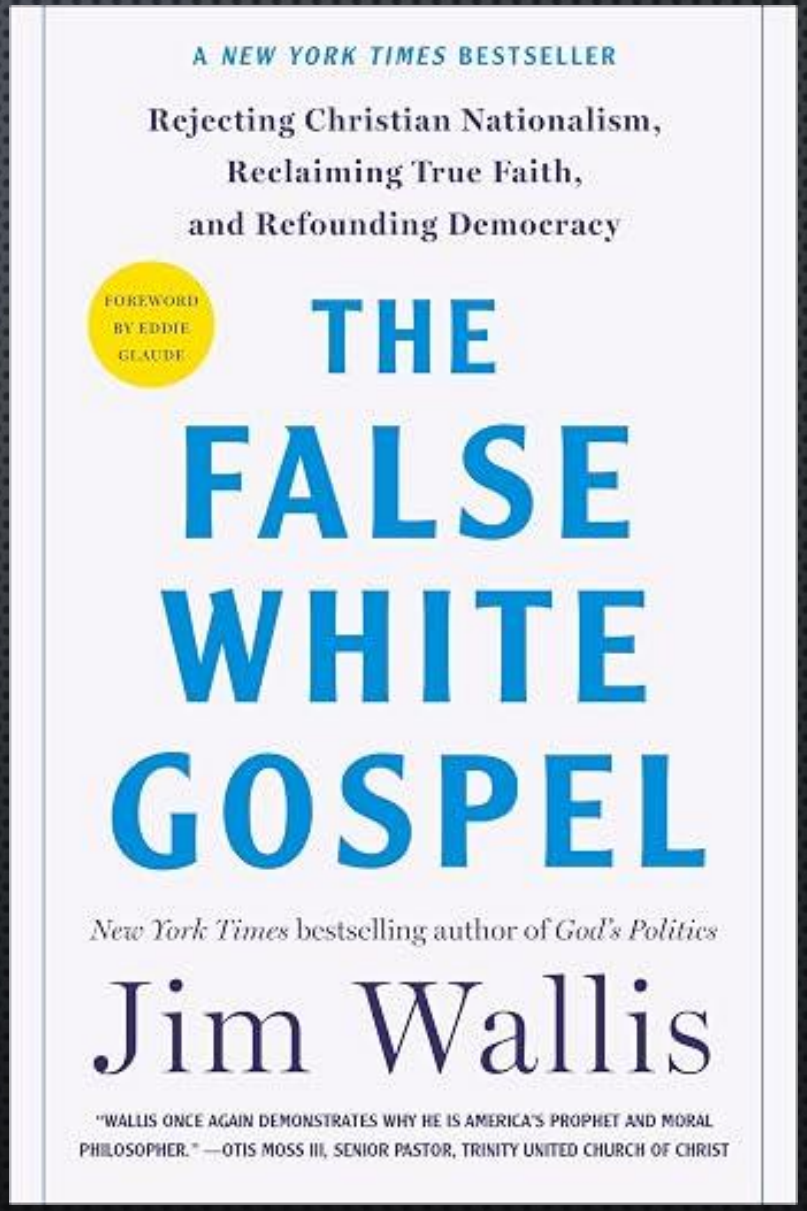

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# THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL

## Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy

Author: Jim Wallis
Date Published: April 2, 2024

It Is Time Says Jim Wallis, To Call Out Genuine Faith—specifically The "Christian" In White Christian Nationalism—inviting All Who Can Be Persuaded To Reject And Help Dismantle A False Gospel That Propagates White Supremacy And Autocracy. We Need–to Raise Up The Faith Of All Of Us, And Help Those Who Are Oblivious, Stuck, And Captive To The Ideology And Idolatry Of White Christian Nationalism That Is Leading Us To Such Great Danger. Wallis Turns Our Attention To Six Iconic Texts At The Heart Of What Genuine Biblical Faith Means And What Jesus, In The Gospels, Has Called Us To Do. It Is Time To Ask Anew: Do We Believe These Teachings Or Not?

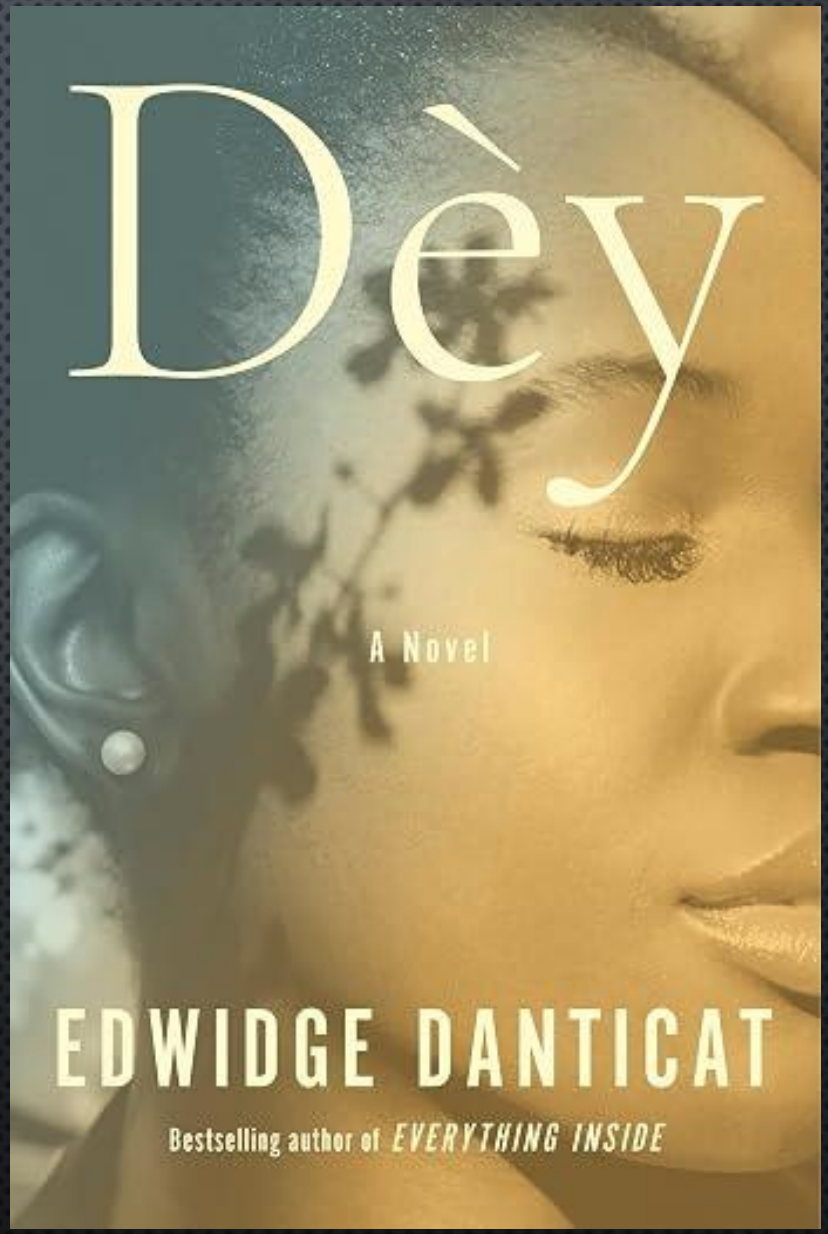



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# Dèy – A Novel

Author: Edwidge Danticat
Date Published: August 25, 2026

"Is Home The Place Where We Are Born? Or Is It The Place Where We Die?" These Questions Haunt Magnolia, A Successful Haitian American Real Estate Agent In Miami. When She Hears Gunfire While At A Shopping Mall, She Takes Shelter In A Nearby Restaurant, Cowering With Fellow Shoppers And Diners. Once She's Safely Home, Magnolia Keeps This Traumatic Event From Everyone. But Given Her Life Back, She Begins To See Everything Clearly: Her Extraordinary Bond With Her Daughter, Zoë; Her Nearly Broken Relationship With Zoë's Father; The Challenges Of Her Mentally Troubled Mother, Whose Unraveling Patterns Magnolia Worries She's Spiraling Toward Herself; And Her Father's Affair With A Woman Who Has Borne Him A Child. While Struggling Through The Labyrinth Of Her Past, Magnolia Must Also Come To Terms With The Losses Sustained That Life-altering Day, And Nearly Every Day By Her Parents And Sibling In Haiti.



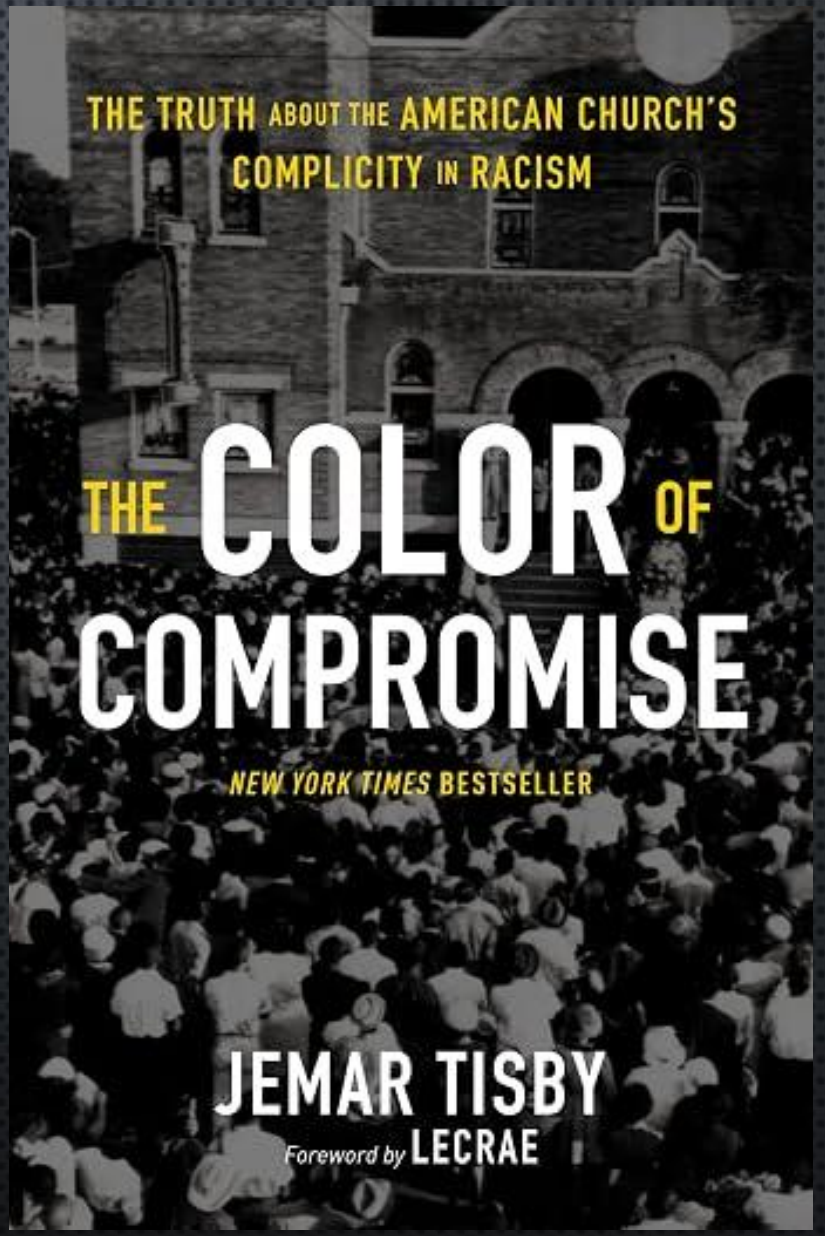

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# The Color of Compromise

The Truth About The American Church's Complicity in Racism

Author: Jemar Tisby
Date Published: January 7, 2020

*The Color Of Compromise* Is *Not* A Call To Shame Or A Platform To Blame White Evangelical Christians. 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. A Call That Challenges Black And White Christians Alike To Standup *Now* And Begin Implementing The Concrete Ways Tisby Outlines, All For A More Equitable And Inclusive Environment Among God's People. Starting *Today*.



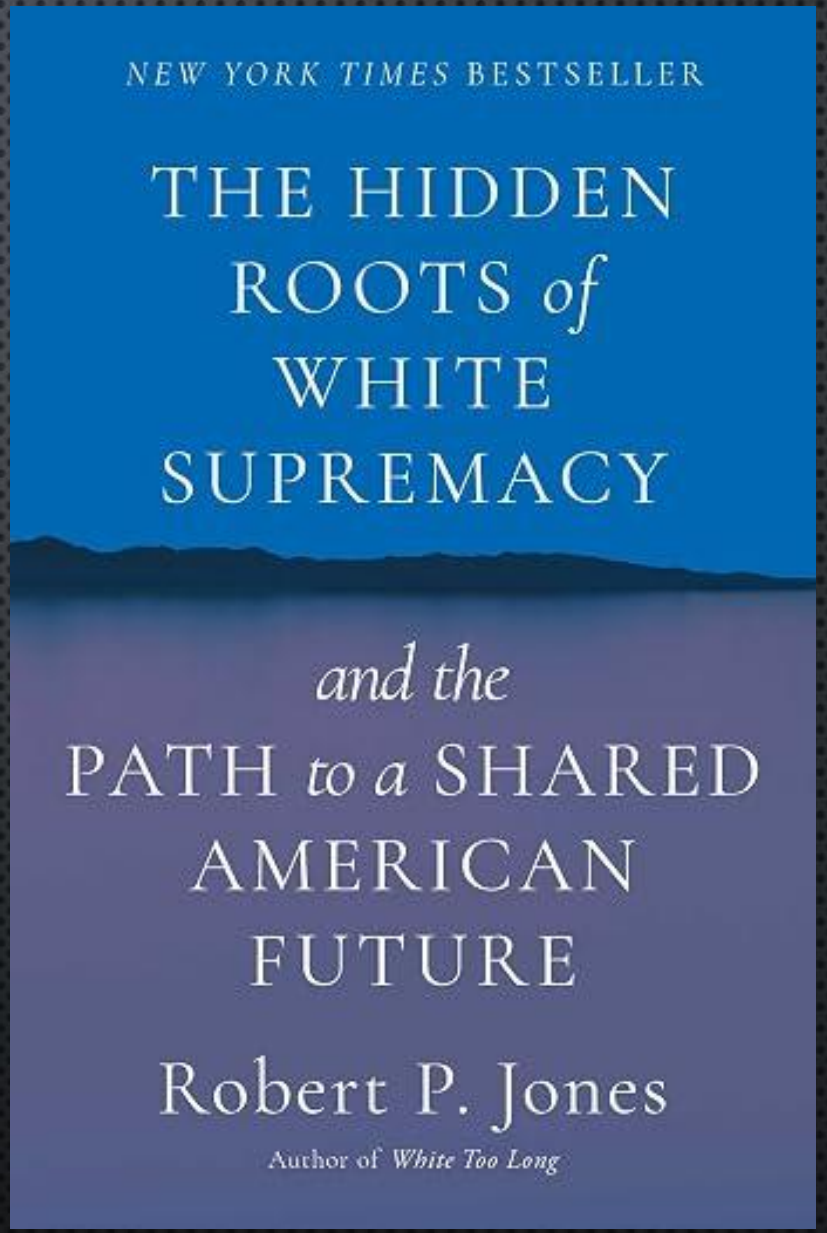

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# The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy:

## And the Path to a Shared American Future

Author: Robert T. Jones
Date Published: September 5, 2023

Beginning With Contemporary Effects To Reckon With The Legacy Of White Supremacy In America, Jones Returns To The Fateful Year When A Little-known Church Doctrine Emerged That Shaped The Way Five Centuries Of European Christians Would Understand The "Discovered" World And The People Who Populated It. Along The Way, He Shows Us The Connections Between Emmett Till And The Spanish Conquistador Hernando De Soto In The Mississippi Delta, Between The Lynching Of Three Black Circus Workers In Duluth And The Mass Execution Of Thirty-eight Dakota Men In Makato, And Between The Murder Of 300 African Americans During The Burning Of Black Wall Street In Tulsa And The Trail Of Tears.



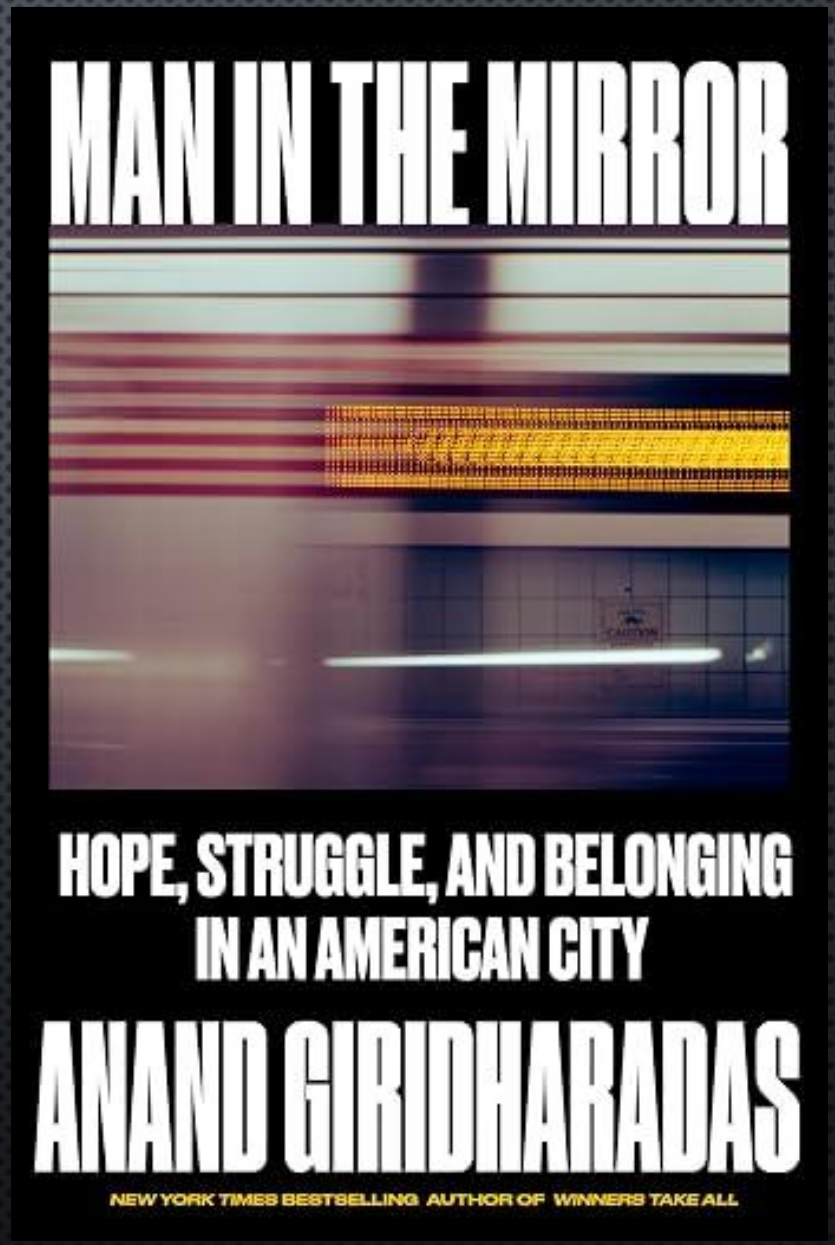

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# MAN IN THE MIRROR

## Hope, Struggle, And Belonging In An American City

Author: Anand Giridharadas
Date Published: September 29, 2026

In 2023, The Lives Of Two Men—jordan Neely, A Homeless Man Known In Better Days For His Michael Jackson Impersonations, And Daniel Penny, An Ex-marine Who Had Moved To The Big City Seeking More Than Long Island Could Offer—collided Tragically In A New York Subway Car. In *Man In The Mirror*, Award-winning Reporter And Bestselling Author Anand Giridharadas Renders This Deadly Encounter And Its Aftermath As A Propulsive Crime Story That Opens Onto A Larger Human Drama: The Search For Belonging In An Age Of Estrangement.



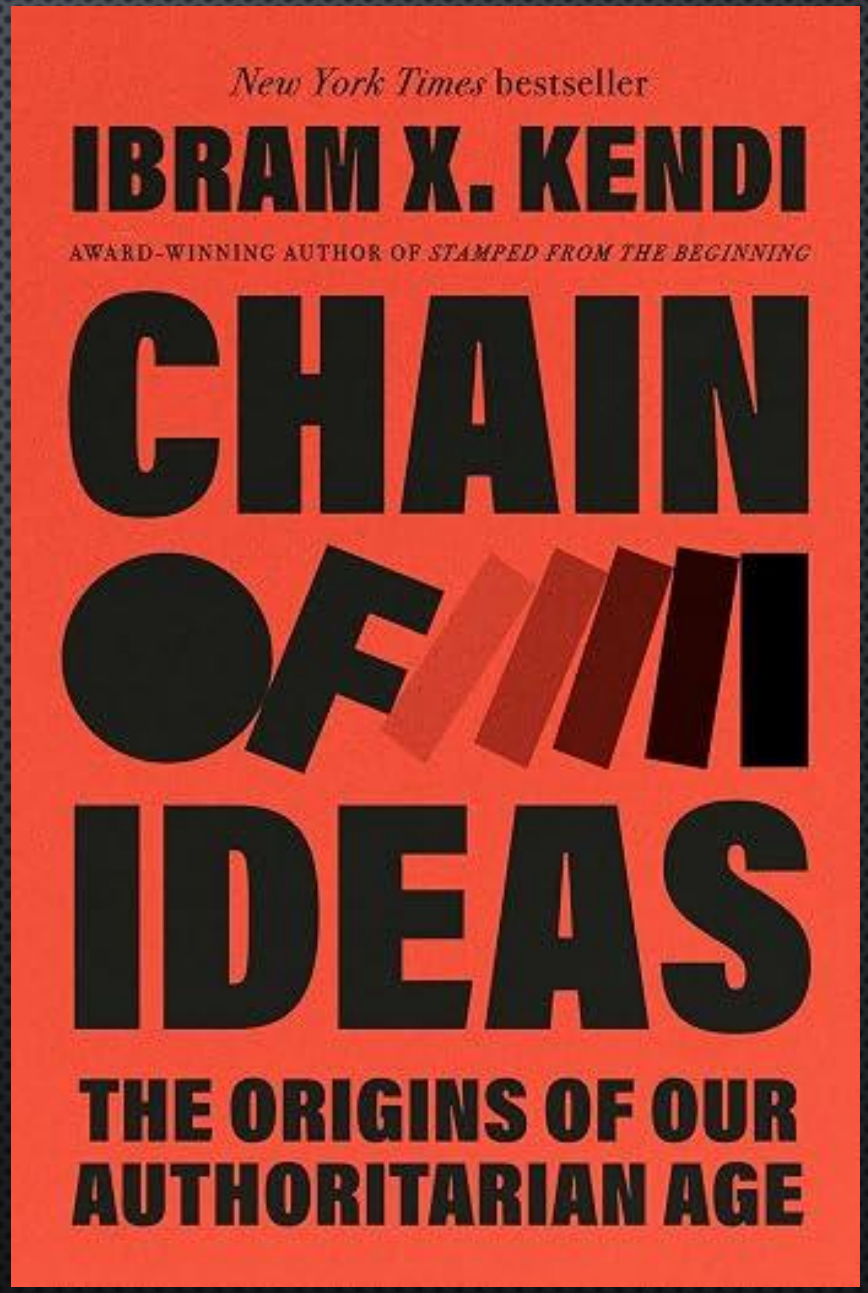

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# CHAIN OF IDEAS

## The Origins of our Authoritarian Age

Author: Ibram X. Kendi
Date Published: March 17, 2026

Recall The Words Chanted In Charlottesville, Virginia: "You Will Not Replace Us!" Recall The String Of Mass Shooters Across The Globe—in Oslo, Christchurch, Buffalo, El Paso, And Pittsburgh—who Claimed Their Crimes Were A Defense Against "White Genocide." Recall Business And Media Figures Cultivating Anxiety And Furor Over Demographic Change. These Incidents Only Scratch The Surface: Popular And Ruling Politicians In Every Region Of The World Have Expressed Some Version Of Great Replacement Theory, Eroding Democratic Norms In The Name Of Preventing Demographic Change.



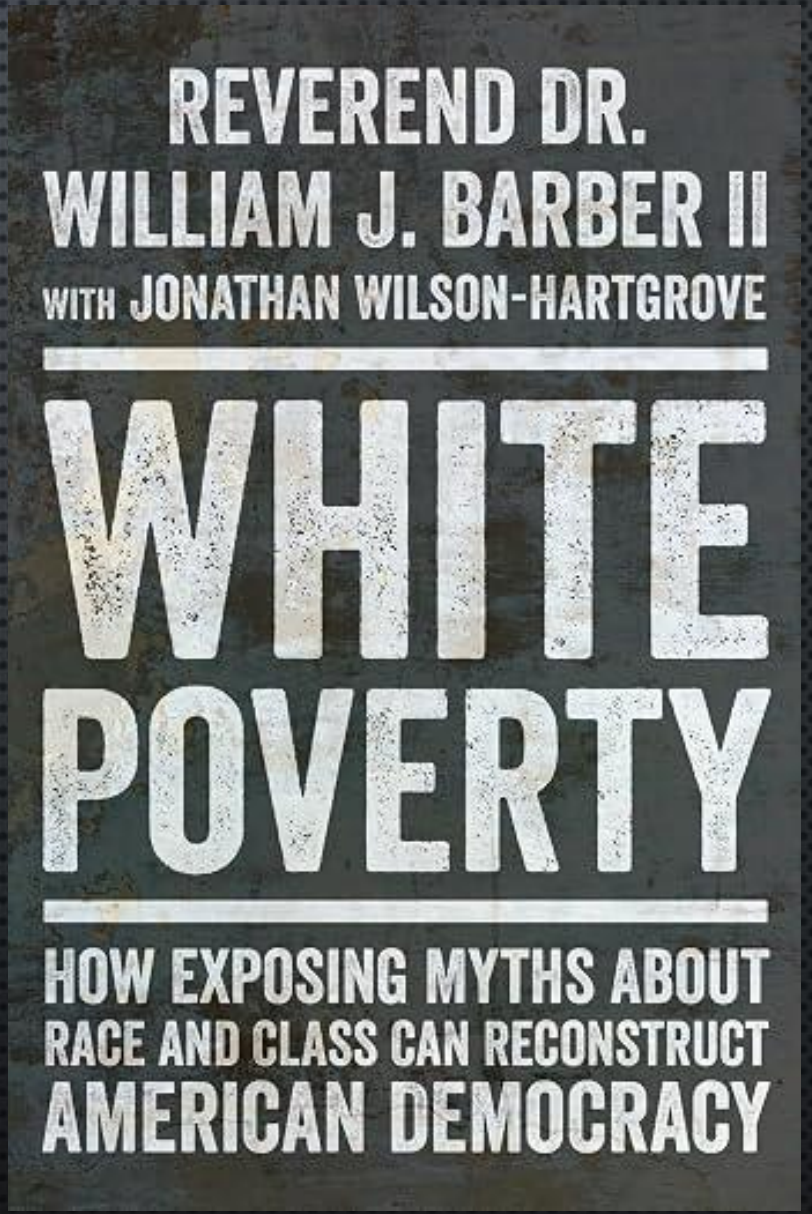

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# WHITE POVERTY

## How Exposing Myths About Race and Class Can Reconstruct American Democracy

Author: Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II
Date Published: June 11. 2024

One Of The Most Pernicious And Persistent Myths In The United States Is The Association Of Black Skin With Poverty. Though There Are Forty Million More Poor White People Than Black People, Most Americans, Both Republicans And Democrats, Continue To Think Of Poverty—along With Issues Like Welfare, Unemployment, And Food Stamps—as Solely A Black Problem. Why Is This So? What Are The Historical Causes? And What Are The Political Consequences That Result?
Analyzing What Has Changed Since The 1930s, When The Face Of American Poverty Was White, Barber, Along With Jonathan Wilson-hartgrove, Addresses White Poverty As A Hugely Neglected Subject That Just Might Provide The Key To Mitigating Racism And Bringing Together Tens Of Millions Of Working Class And Impoverished Americans.



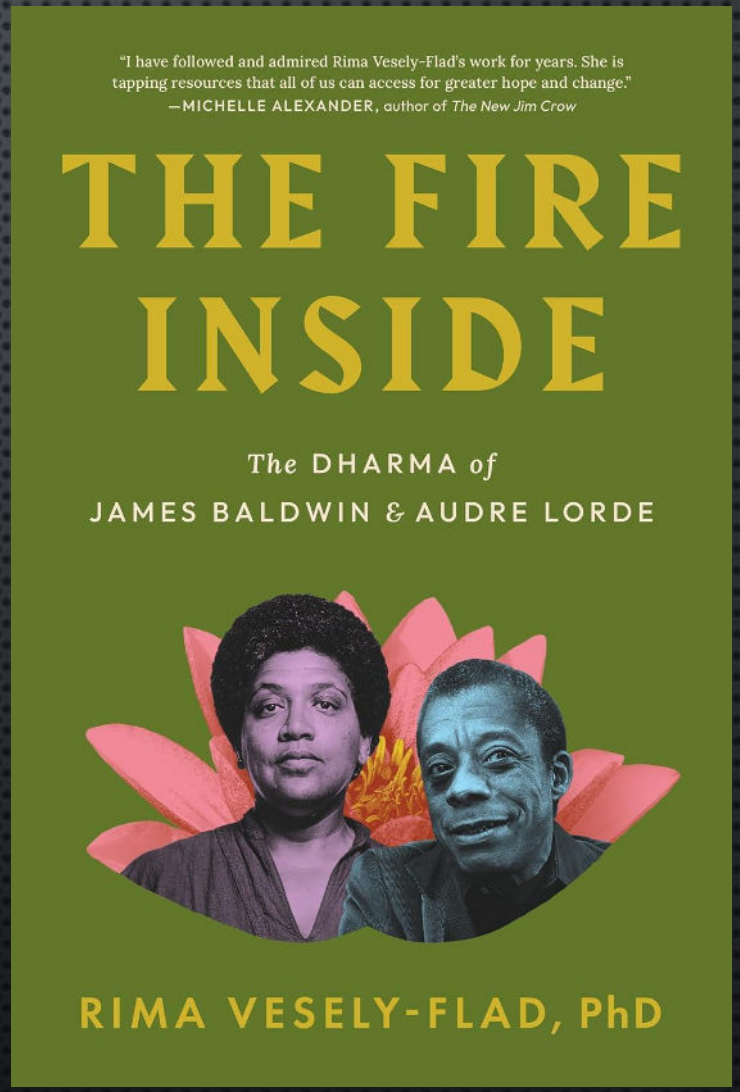

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# THE FIRE INSIDE: THE DHARMA OF JAMES BALDWIN AND AUDRE LORDE

## Author: Rima Vesely-Flad
## Date Published: February 6, 2026

*The Fire Inside* explores the writings of Audre Lorde and James Baldwin through a Dharmic lens, revealing for the first time how two of America's greatest literary voices reflect—and expand—Buddhism's most timeless truths toward justice and liberation.

Dr. Rima Vesely-Flad dives deeply into a dharma of liberation as lived by Baldwin and Lorde, offering timely lessons to help us each meet this moment. She explores the writers' enduring legacies to show that liberation depends not only on organizing and mass movements, but the generative power of inner well-being, authenticity, art, and embodiment. Each chapter shares how looking inward is the way forward, examining Baldwin and Lorde through key Buddhist principles.

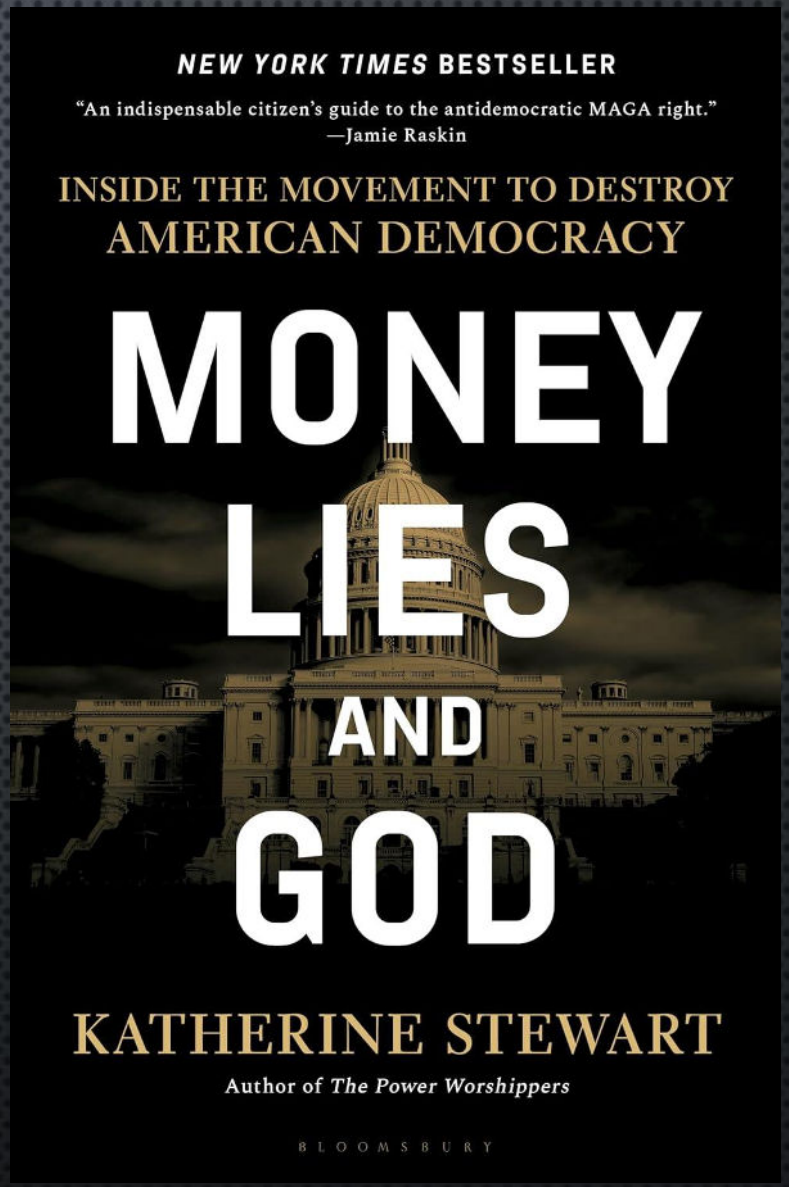



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# Money, Lies, and God

## Inside the Movement to Destroy American Democracy

Author: Katherine Stewart
Date Published: February 18, 2025




Why have so many Americans turned against democracy? In this deeply reported book, Katherine Stewart takes us to conferences of conspiracy-mongers, backroom strategy gatherings, and services at extremist churches, and profiles the people who want to tear it all down. She introduces us to reactionary Catholic activists, atheist billionaires, pseudo-Platonist intellectuals, self-appointed apostles of Jesus, disciples of Ayn Rand, women-hating opponents of "the gynocracy," pronatalists preoccupied with the dearth of white babies, Covid truthers, militia members masquerading as "concerned moms" and battalions of spirit warriors who appear to be inventing a new style of religion even as they set about attacking democracy at its foundations.

Along the way, she provides a compelling analysis of the authoritarian reaction in the United States. She demonstrates that the movement relies on several distinct constituencies, with very different and often conflicting agendas. Stewart's reporting and comprehensive political analysis helps reframe the conversation about the moral collapse of conservatism in America and points the way forward toward a democratic

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