

Social Justice in Action at Eliot Chapel

Eliot All Reads

Join the Discussion!

Send your name and contact information to allread@eliotchapel.org to sign up. Groups are forming now and will meet from late October through late December.

Past Common Reads from the UUA

- 2010-11: *The Deaths of Josseline*
- 2011-12: *Acts of Faith*
- 2012-13: *The New Jim Crow*
- 2013-14: *Behind the Kitchen Door*
- 2014-15: *Reclaiming Prophetic Witness*
- 2015-16: *Just Mercy*
- 2016-17: *The Third Reconstruction*
- 2017-18: *Centering and Daring Democracy*
- 2018-19: *Justice On Earth*

Past All Reads from Eliot Chapel

Fall 2016

Waking Up White by Debby Irving

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

Spring 2017

Waking Up White by Debby Irving

Small Great things by Jodi Picoult

Fall 2017

Waking Up White by Debby Irving

The 3rd Reconstruction by Rev. William Barber

Spring 2018

Waking Up White by Debby Irving

Daring Democracy by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen

Fall 2018

Waking Up White by Debby Irving

Justice on Earth Edited by Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom

Spring 2019

Waking Up White by Debby Irving

Undocumented; How immigration Became Illegal by Aviva Chomsky

Fall 2019

Waking Up White by Debby Irving

Democracy in Chains by Nancy MacLean

Spring 2020

Waking Up White by Debby Irving

Out Of The Wreckage by George Monbiot

What is an All Read?

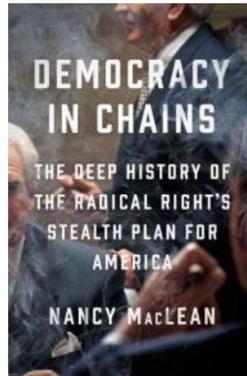
Eliot Chapel started All Reads in 2016. A book is selected by the Social Justice Team; they recommend it to the congregation to “all read” at the same time. Small groups meet to discuss the book, guided by a volunteer facilitator.

Sometimes we decide to read the same book that the UUA recommends through their Common Read recommendation, but not always. We have developed a task force at Eliot to serve as a book selection group. This group determines a list of social justice titles (published within 3 years), reads the books, and then meets to analyze the books using agreed upon criteria guidelines.

Two new books are decided upon and recommended to the Social Justice Team for approval. *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving has historically been offered as an All Read title each time because the book serves as a good introduction for anyone wanting to understand and explore white privilege.

If you're interested in working on the task force, becoming a facilitator for a discussion group, or joining in the discussion, contact allread@eliotchapel.org.

Fall 2019: *Democracy in Chains*

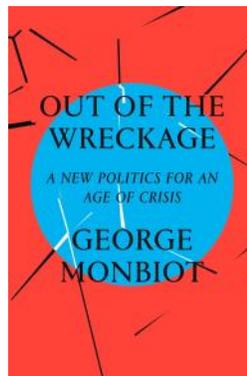


An explosive exposé of the right's relentless campaign to eliminate unions, suppress voting, privatize public education, stop action on climate change, and alter the Constitution.

Behind today's headlines of billionaires taking over our government is a secretive political establishment with long, deep, and troubling roots. The capitalist radical right has been working not simply to change who rules, but to fundamentally alter the rules of democratic governance. But billionaires did not launch this movement; a white intellectual in the embattled Jim Crow South did. *Democracy in Chains* names its true architect—the Nobel Prize-winning political economist James McGill Buchanan—and dissects the operation he and his colleagues designed over six decades to alter every branch of government to disempower the majority.

Based on ten years of unique research, *Democracy in Chains* tells a chilling story of right-wing academics and big money run amok. This revelatory work of scholarship is also a call to arms to protect the achievements of twentieth-century American self-government. [Read more about this book.](#)

Spring 2019: *Out of the Wreckage*



A thrilling new route to a better society

A toxic ideology of extreme competition and individualism has come to dominate our world. It misrepresents human nature, destroying hope and common purpose. Only a positive vision can replace it, a new story that re-engages people in politics and lights a path to a better future.

George Monbiot shows how new findings in psychology, neuroscience and evolutionary biology cast human nature in a radically different light: as the supreme altruists and cooperators. He shows how we can build on these findings to create a new politics: a “politics of belonging.” Both democracy and economic life can be radically reorganized from the bottom up, enabling us to take back control and overthrow the forces that have thwarted our ambitions for a better society.

Urgent and passionate, *Out of the Wreckage* provides the hope and clarity required to change the world. [Read more about this book.](#)