

BOOK REVIEWS BY THE TASK FORCE TO PLAN TO DISMANTLE RACISM

“Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” by Isabel Wilkerson. Caste is a thoroughly researched book by a Pulitzer Prize winning author with great narrative and literary power. It’s a real page-turner, exploring three systems of presumed supremacy of one group against the presumed inferiority of other groups on the basis of ancestry and often immutable traits. The author uses factual stories and an explanation of caste to cast a light onto our history, consequences, and presence in our everyday lives and to express hopes for its resolution. It’s a “must-read” for anyone to understand what lies under the surface of American life today.

“Long Time Coming: Reckoning with Race in America” by Michael Dyson. This book is a compelling account of the history of significant events in American history using thoughtful letters to black martyrs. It grapples with the cultural and social forces that have shaped our nation in the brutal crucible of race. Dr. Dyson is one of America’s premier intellectuals and author of seven New York Time bestsellers. This book points the way to social redemption and is a guide to help America finally reckon with race. To access an excerpt from Long Time Coming, click [here](#).