



Reading List

Many abolitionists have grown in their knowledge of justice issues and in their commitment to fight oppression through reading and studying books like those listed below. We would encourage you to consider going through one of these books as a group, hosting a book study with others on campus, or just browsing through our list for your own reading pleasure.

IJM President Gary Haugen has authored three books that explore God's call to justice and IJM's work in the world.

Good News About Injustice

Just Courage

Terrify No More

This in no way serves as an all-encompassing reading list or a list that IJM formally endorses. Instead, it is our hope that this list will be a starting point for you into the study of human rights issues. We would also encourage you to go to your local bookstore and look under the category of "Current Events," where you should find numerous books on human rights issues.

Biography

Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery by Eric Metaxas

Black Boy by Richard Wright

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy by Eric Metaxas

Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa by Mark Mathabane

Mountains Beyond Mountains: Healing the World: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer by Tracy Kidder

Fiction

A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton

True Story: A Christianity Worth Believing In by James Choung

What Is the What: The Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng by Dave Eggers

History

A Civil Action by Jonathan Harr

Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age by Kevin Boyle

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Brown

Bury the Chains: Prophets & Rebels in the Fight to Free an Empire's Slaves by Adam Hochschild

Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States by Helen Prejean

Emma's War by Deborah Scroggins

Killing Fields, Living Fields by Don Cormack

King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa by Adam Hochschild

Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea by Barbara Demick

The Race Beat: The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation by Roberts & Kibanoff

Memoir

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah

Banker to the Poor: Micro-Lending and the Battle Against World Poverty by Muhammad Yunus

Finding Calcutta: What Mother Teresa Taught Me About Meaningful Work and Service by Mary Poplin

First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers by Loung Ung

Girl Soldier: A Story of Hope for Northern Uganda's Children by Grace Akallo and Faith McDonnell

Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale by Rachel Lloyd

Let Justice Roll Down by John Perkins

Life and Death in Shanghai by Nien Cheng

Mukiwa: A White Boy in Africa by Peter Godwin

Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda by Romeo Dallaire

The Good Women of China: Hidden Voices by Xinran Xue

When a Crocodile Eats the Sun: A Memoir of Africa by Peter Godwin

When Broken Glass Floats: Growing Up Under the Khmer Rouge by Chanrithy Him

Non-Fiction

A Continent for the Taking: The Tragedy and Hope of Africa by Howard French

A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide by Samantha Power

Actual Innocence by Barry Scheck, Peter Neufeld, and Jim Dwyre

Development as Freedom by Amartya Sen

Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy by Kevin Bales

Guide to International Human Rights Practice by Hurst Hannum

Human Rights Watch World Report – Human Rights Watch (published annually)

Maximum City: Bombay Lost and Found by Suketu Mehta

NO MATTER HOW LOUD I SHOUT: A Year in the Life of Juvenile Court by Edward Humes

Not for Sale by David Batstone

Prostitution, Trafficking and Traumatic Stress by Melissa Farley

Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery by Siddharth Kara

The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr. by Martin Luther King Jr. and Clayborne Carson

The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time by Jeffrey Sachs

The Evolution of International Human Rights by Paul Gordon Lauren

The Human Rights Reader: Major Political Essays, Speeches and Documents from Ancient Times to the Present by Micheline Ishay

The Trafficking in Persons Report, U.S. Department of State (published annually)

The Zanzibar Chest by Aidan Hartley

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time by Mortenson & Relin

Trauma and Recovery: The Aftermath of Violence—from Domestic Abuse to Political Terror by Judith Herman

We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will be Killed With Our Families: Stories from Rwanda by Philip Gourevitch

When Helping Hurts: Alleviating Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert

Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China by Jung Chang

Theology

A Theology As Big As the City by Raymond Bakke

Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals by Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, and Enuma Okoro

Decisive Issues Facing Christians Today by John Stott

Ethics by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Follow me to Freedom: Leading and Following as an Ordinary Radical by John Perkins and Shane Claiborne

Following Jesus Through the Eye of the Needle: Living Fully, Loving Dangerously by Kent Annan

Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just by Timothy Keller

God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics by C. S. Lewis

I Am Not a Social Activist: Making Jesus the Agenda by Ronald Sider

Rich Christians In An Age Of Hunger: Moving from Affluence to Generosity by Ronald Sider

The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor: Seeing Others Through the Eyes of Jesus by Mark Labberton

The Dangerous Act of Worship: Living God's Call to Justice by Mark Labberton

The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us? by Richard Stearns

The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical by Shane Claiborne

The Measure of a Man by Martin Luther King Jr.