

## Race and Racism Through Page and Screen - First Unitarian Church in Worcester, 90 Main Street

What can we do about racism today? It is clear to us that the struggle for racial equality and justice in our country continues. Especially if we identify as White people, we need more opportunities to understand racism and explore what steps we can take to become anti-racist allies.

This book and movie discussion will invite us to explore race and racism in America through novels, essays, feature films and documentaries. We will explore historical moments and our present realities. We will follow themes from work to work: What is beautiful? How are dark-skinned bodies treated in America? How can racial equality be pursued and achieved? What has changed since the Civil Rights Movement, and what work remains to be done? As people of faith, what can we do?

These discussions are for all members and friends of First Unitarian Church, of all racial identities. Feel free to bring your friends-no formal connection to the church is needed. They are open to adults and youth, although youth will need permission to watch R-rated movies. You can attend one or all of the discussions. Of course, the more sessions you attend, the fuller your experience will be.

We'll meet in the Landers Room. All discussions take place at 7 p.m. on Monday nights throughout the church year. Feature films will be screened the night before their discussion, on a Sunday night at 7 p.m. Feel free to attend the movie screening (popcorn and some themes to think about overnight will be provided) or to watch the movie on your own.

At the end of the year, we'll conclude with a worship service and an opportunity to think about next steps. I look forward to gathering with you for these important conversations.

All Gatherings begin at 7 PM in the Landers Room:

December 6	Movie Screening	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i> (rated R)
December 7	Movie Discussion	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>
December 14	Book Discussion	<i>Faces in the Bottom of the Well</i> by Derek Bell
January 10	Movie Screening	<i>West Side Story</i> (Unrated)
January 11	Movie Discussion	<i>West Side Story</i>
January 25	Book Discussion	<i>The Joy Luck Club</i> by Amy Tan
February 7	Movie Screening	<i>Caesar Chavez</i> (rated PG-13)
February 8	Movie Discussion	<i>Caesar Chavez</i>
February 22	Book Discussion	TBA
March 13	Movie Screening	TBA
March 14	Movie Discussion	TBA
April 11	Documentary Screening and Discussion	TBA
April 25	Documentary Screening and Discussion	TBA
May 9	Documentary Screening and Discussion	TBA
May 23	Closing Worship Service	