



## Women's History Month Reading List

March is Women's History Month; a time to learn, celebrate, and pay tribute to the generations of women who have struggled, and continue to struggle, sacrifice, and give their lives to make our nation a more just and equitable place for all. This month provides us with an opportunity to think deeply about the experiences of women in society at large and within the church. It also gives us an opportunity to highlight female authors who have written phenomenal books that will help us consider how we faithfully foster the flourishing of women. These resources will help us consider how we stand with our sisters in response to atrocities like sexism, sexual violence, and domestic violence.

We invite you to engage and share this non-comprehensive reading list with your congregations, to learn how we can more faithfully rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.

### Women's History Reading Recommendations

1. *Ephesian Women in Greco-Roman and Early Christian Perspective* (Elif Hilal Karaman)
2. *Half the Church: Recapturing God's Global Vision for Women* (Carolyn Custis James)
3. *The Dinah Project: A Handbook for Congregational Response to Sexual Violence* (Monica A Coleman)
4. *Voices Rising: Women of Color Finding & Restoring Hope in the City* (Anthology)
5. *Not Without a Struggle: Leadership for African American Women in Ministry* (Vashti M McKenzie)
6. *Emboldened: A Vision for Empowering Women in Ministry* (Tara Beth Leach)
7. *Hermanas: Deepening Our Identity & Growing our Influence* (Kohn, Quiñones, & Garza Robinson)
8. *Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent and How to Speak Up* (Kathy Khang)
9. *Womanist Ethics and the Cultural Production of Evil* (Emilie Townes)
10. *A Cry for Justice: How the Evil of Domestic Abuse Hides in Your Church* (Anna Wood & Jeff Crippen)
11. *I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision for Racial Reconciliation* (Chanequa Walker-Barnes)

12. *Jesus and Courageous Women* (Elsa Tamez)
13. *Mujerista Theology* (Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz)
14. *White Women's Christ, Black Women's Jesus* (Jacquelyn Grant)
15. *Latina Evangelicas: A Theological Survey from the Margins* (Martell-Otero, Perez, & Conde-Frazier)
16. *Jeroboam's Wife: The Enduring Contributions of the Old Testament's Least-Known Women* (Robin Gallaher Branch)
17. *Texts of Terror: Literary-Feminist Readings of Biblical Narratives* (Phyllis Trible)
18. *Toward a Womanist Ethic of Incarnation: Black Bodies, the Black Church, and the Council of Chalcedon* (Eboni Marshall Turman)
19. *Bipolar Faith: A Black Woman's Journey with Depression and Faith* (Monica A Coleman)
20. *The Cry of Tamar: Violence Against Women and the Church's Response* (Pamela Cooper-White)

### 10 books written by women addressing the complexity of injustice, racial righteousness and reconciliation

1. *A Better Country: Embracing the Refugees in Our Midst* (Cindy Wu)
2. *Beyond Color Blind: Redeeming our Ethic Journey* (Sarah Shin)
3. *Roadmap to Reconciliation* (Brenda Salter McNeil)
4. *White Picket Fences: Turning toward Love in a World Divided by Privilege* (Amy Julia Becker)
5. *Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate* (Jenny Yang & Matthew Soerens)
6. *Glory Happening: Finding the Divine in Everyday Places* (Kaitlin Curtice)
7. *I'm Still Here* (Austin Channing Brown)
8. *Heart of the Cross: A Postcolonial Christology* (Wonhee Anne Joh)
9. *Bible of the Oppressed* (Elsa Tamez)
10. *Healing Our Broken Humanity: Practices for Revitalizing the Church and Renewing the World* (Grace Ji-Sun Kim)

### Commentaries for preaching and teaching written by women

1. *Women's Bible Commentary* (Carol Newsom and Sharon Ringe)
2. *Introducing the Women's Hebrew Bible: Feminism, Gender Justice, and the Study of the Old Testament* (Susanne Scholz)

3. *Womanist Interpretations of the Bible: Expanding the Discourse* (Anthology)
4. *Galatians: Belief, A Theological Commentary on the Bible* (Nancy Bedford)
5. *Altogether Lovely: A Thematic and Intertextual Reading of the Song of Songs* (Havilah Dharamraj)
6. *Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the Throne* (Wilda C. Gafney)
7. *An Introduction to Womanist Biblical Interpretation* (Nyasha Junior)

### Youth Reading

1. *The Book of Awesome Women: Boundary Breakers, Freedom Fighters, Sheroes and Female Firsts* (Becca Anderson)
2. *The Hate U Give* (Angie Thomas)
3. *Chains—The Seeds of America Trilogy* (Laurie Halse Anderson)
4. *Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card* (Sara Saedi)
5. *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* (Phillip Hoose)

### Children's reading list

1. *When God Was a Little Girl*
2. *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* (Vashti Harrison)
3. *When God Made You* (Matthew Paul Turner)
4. *I Am: God's Affirmations for Little Girls* (Belinda N Mays)



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