

Synopsis of the book:

The author is a Lutheran minister. The book is a memoir of her transformation from well-meaning supporter of justice to a leader and active participant in the anti-racism movement. Each chapter contains reflections and questions to inspire thoughtful reading and personal growth, as well as action items with concrete steps a reader can take to join the movement in some small and large ways. We are better together, and we must learn how each of us can fit into the larger puzzle to dismantle racism.

Praise for the book:

"While many books convict and educate white Christians about white supremacy, racial capitalism, and anti-Black racism, Baptized in Tear Gas compels and equips you to do something about these matters." -- The Rev. Mike Kinman, rector of All Saints Church, Pasadena, California

"If you are a white person of faith wrestling with the state-sanctioned violence you witness in the streets of America, this book is a must-read. Dowd's stories and theological insights will steel our resolve for the next time we demand justice and are met with tear gas, white supremacist hatred, and our own insecurities." --Nathan Roberts, pastor and community organizer in Minneapolis, editor of The Salt Collective magazine, and author of two books

"In the ever-sharpening glare of white supremacy, Dowd casts a vision for a transformed people and church, showing by example how we can move past Dr. King's 'white moderate into a faithful body willing to confront our own complicity and challenge the lies of American racism.'" --Emmy Kegler, author of All Who Are Weary and One Coin Found