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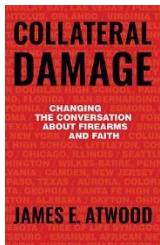
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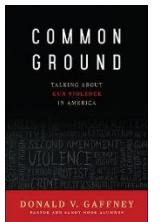
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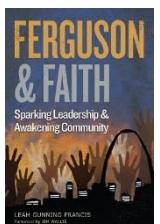


COLLATERAL DAMAGE: CHANGING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT FIREARMS AND FAITH

(820005) Author: Atwood, James. Chapters: Not in the stats - the collateral damage of 393 million guns; Slogans we die by - ten myths about guns; In this game for keeps' - a short history of fundamentalism; Fear and incivility - living in a nation with more guns than people; Not just for soldiers - PTSD, suicide, and the epidemic of despair; Our teachers' arms - guns in public spaces; Count the cost - the economic toll of gun violence; Whose law and order? - the interface of guns, racism, and poverty; Come to the light - exposing falsehoods, advocating for truth; Show love, demand justice - some modest proposals for change; Finding hope - working toward God's peaceful tomorrow. Includes bibliography. 221 Pages.

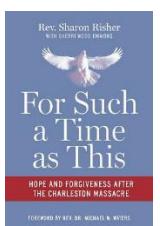


COMMON GROUND: TALKING ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA (819127) Author: Gaffney, Donald. Chapters: Owning our stories about guns and gun violence; America's culture of guns; Guns and gun violence in America; Violence and the Bible; Talking about guns as Christians; Beyond conversations. Includes bibliography. Includes questions for reflection and discussion. 138 Pages.



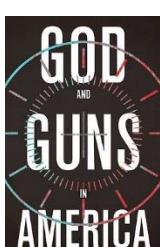
FERGUSON AND FAITH: SPARKING LEADERSHIP AND AWAKENING COMMUNITY

(820141) Author: Francis, Leah Gunning. The shooting death of Michael Brown reignited a long-smoldering movement for justice, with many St. Louis-area clergy stepping up to support the young leaders of today's civil rights movement. Seminary professor Leah Gunning Francis was among the activists. Her interviews with more than two dozen faith leaders and organizers demonstrate that being called to lead a faithful life can take us to places we never expected to go. *2021-2022 UMW Reading Program: Social Action 177 Pages.

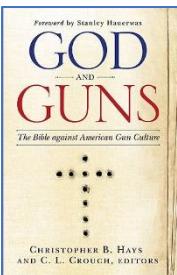


FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: HOPE AND FORGIVENESS AFTER THE CHARLESTON MASSACRE

(820140) Author: Risher, Sharon and Emmons, Sherri Wood. Plunged into the depths of mourning, anger and shock, the Reverend Sharon Risher could have wallowed in the pain of losing her mother and two cousins at the hands of a white supremacist during the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church massacre on June 17, 2015. Instead, she chose the path of forgiveness and hope—eventually forgiving the convicted killer for his crime. *2021-2022 UMW Reading Program: Social Action 125 Pages.

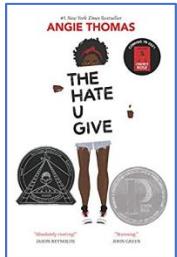


GOD AND GUNS IN AMERICA (820095) Author: Austin, Michael. Chapters: God, guns, and America; The right to own a gun; Guns, lies, and bad arguments; Violence, guns, and the Gospel; A Bible and a gun; Christ, character, and a Colt .45; More than thoughts and prayers. Includes name, subject, and Scripture indexes and a bibliography. 180 Pages.



GOD AND GUNS: THE BIBLE AGAINST AMERICAN GUN CULTURE (821122) Author: Hays, Christopher and Crouch, C. L., editors. Using the Bible as the foundational source and guide, while also bringing contemporary sociological data to the conversation, seven biblical scholars and theologians construct a powerful dialogue about gun violence in America, concluding that guns are incompatible with the God of Christian Scripture. Bringing the Bible into conversation with contemporary sociological data, the volume breaks new exegetical and critical ground and lays the foundations for further theological work. Drawing on their expertise in the Bible's ancient origins and modern usage, they present striking new insights involving psychology, ethics, race, gender, and culture. This collection, carefully edited for clarity and readability, will change conversations--and our culture.

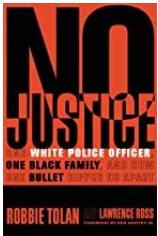
Chapters: Gun violence in America – a theological treatment for a deadly epidemic; Projecting on Joshua – you can't worship both God and Glock; A mother's lament – mourning as a witness to lives that matter; 'Do not be afraid': the walls of Jerusalem and the guns of America; Israelite bows and American guns; The sword is double-edged – a feminist approach to the Bible and gun culture; Can a Christian own a gun?; Ways to get involved. Includes Scripture and subject indexes. 150 Pages.



HATE U GIVE (820165) Author: Thomas, Angie. In this novel, Starr, 16, moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and her fancy suburban prep school. This uneasy balance is shattered when she witnesses the fatal police shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil. Soon after, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, a drug dealer, or a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets. Cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What really went down that night? The only person who can answer that is Starr. Note: contains vulgar language. Larger than average print. *2021-2022 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community - suitable for youth 444 Pages.

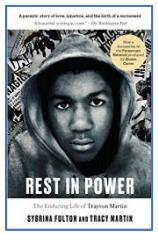
KINGDOM DREAMS, VIOLENT REALITIES: REFLECTIONS ON GUN VIOLENCE FROM MICAH 4:1-4 (918013)

Author: General Board of Church and Society. This three-session print-only study deepens the connection between gun violence and Micah 4:1-4 by providing an opportunity to delve into the text thematically while exploring the multifaceted issue of gun violence. Each session includes a discussion of the Bible passage, a contextual application, a personal connection, and questions for discussion. Sessions: 1) The common good - Micah 4:1-2; 2) Transformation - Micah 4:3; 3) Flourishing - Micah 4:4. 45 Pages. Also available [online](#).

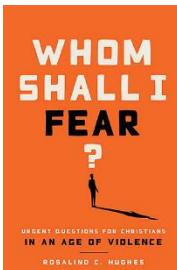


NO JUSTICE: ONE WHITE POLICE OFFICER, ONE BLACK FAMILY, AND HOW ONE BULLET RIPPED US APART (820163)

Author: Tolan, Robbie and Ross, Lawrence. A white police officer shot a young black man named Robbie Tolan in the chest, right in his own driveway. It was a mistake, and yet no one was willing to take responsibility. How do you pick up the pieces of your life when society and the legal system let you down? In a journey that took nearly a decade, Robbie was held together by the strength of his parents, his faith in God, and an impenetrable belief that he deserved justice like any other American. Larger than average print. *2021-2022 UMW Reading Program: Social Action 258 Pages.



REST IN POWER: THE ENDURING LIFE OF TRAYVON MARTIN (820171) Author: Fulton, Sybrina and Martin, Tracy. Trayvon Martin has become a symbol of social justice activism, as has his hauntingly familiar image: the photo of a child wearing a hoodie and gazing silently at the camera. But who was Trayvon before he became an icon? And how did one black child's death in a small Florida town become the match that lit a civil rights crusade? Trayvon's parents take readers beyond the news cycle with an account only they could give. Larger than average print. *2021-2022 UMW Reading Program: Social Action 331 Pages.



WHOM SHALL I FEAR? URGENT QUESTIONS FOR CHRISTIANS IN AN AGE OF VIOLENCE (821082)

Author: Hughes, Rosalind. Churches are not immune to violence, as we have seen from shootings at houses of worship across the nation. The challenge for faith communities is how to respond to potential violence. This book asks congregational leaders to examine whether their operational and security policies are consistent with gospel values. It raises common themes in approaches to church security and looks at them in the light of scripture. It provides thought-provoking reflections on topics such as locked doors, living faithfully in an unfaithful world, the question of armed security in a church setting, and the duty of Christians to extend hospitality to their neighbor. It includes stories from survivors of gun violence and wisdom on how churches can work to transform an anxious and fear-driven world. Whom Shall I Fear? helps the church thoughtfully wrestle with what it means to be a church of grace, welcome, and love when confronted with acts of cruelty, division, and hate. Chapters: Behold I stand at the door and knock; Do not be overcome by evil; Who will heal Malchus's ear?; Hospitality is not only for angels; Love thy neighbor; And who is my neighbor?; Through the storm; And a child shall lead them; Many sparrows. Includes a biblical litany for churches pursuing peace and a leader's guide. Larger than average print. 144 Pages.