

# Race, God's People and the Kingdom

Some reading suggestions: a personal not exhaustive list! (Mark Meynell)

## Christian Engagement

Hays, J. Daniel	<b>From Every People and Nation: a biblical theology of race</b>	IVP 2003	More in-depth and academic perhaps, but really good for a biblical overview on the issue.
Hill, Daniel	<b>White Awake</b> ✓	IVP USA 2017	Such a helpful and eye-opening book by a white church planter in Chicago - some translation from USA context required!
Holmes, Jasmine	<b>Mother to Son</b>	IVP USA 2020	A beautiful if painful book, written by an African American to her toddler son preparing him for life as a black American.
Killingray & Edwards	<b>Black voices: The Shaping of Our Christian Experience</b>	IVP 2007	A powerful collection of essays on the long history (i.e. long before the <i>Empire Windrush</i> ) of being British, black, and Christian.
Lindsay, Benjamin	<b>We need to talk about race</b>	SPCK 2019	The best I've read from a UK Christian perspective. Very helpful and insightful indeed, remarkably gracious, all things considered.
McCaulley, Esau	<b>Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope</b>	IVP USA 2020	Only just come out and I have it on order! But am hearing great things from friends in the States.
Smith & Dykstra-Pruim	<b>Christians and Cultural Difference</b>	Calvin Press 2016	Brief but hugely helpful overview of how we handle our cultural differences, even before we get to the point of addressing our prejudices.
Keller, Tim	<b>4 blog posts on The Gospel in Life</b> ✓	A brilliant and crucial series. <a href="#">Click on this link</a> 1. <i>The Bible &amp; Race</i> 2. <i>The Sin of Racism</i> 3. <i>A Biblical Critique of Secular Justice and Critical Theory</i> 4. <i>Justice in the Bible</i>	

## Secular Engagement

Eddo-Lodge, Reni	<b>Why I'm No Longer Talking About Race To White People</b>	Bloomsbury 2018	Challenging and widely read (the first black British woman to have a book at UK #1). I don't agree with all the underlying worldview assumptions - but many do so we must engage.
Hirsch, Afua	<b>Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging</b>	Penguin 2018	Hirsch is a brilliant and original thinker (apart from anything else, I love the wordplay in the title!) and has very important things to say.
Malan, Rian	<b>My Traitor's Heart: Blood and Bad Dreams A South African Explores the Madness in His Country, His Tribe and Himself</b>	Vintage 1991	I read this when we first moved to Kampala, Uganda. Blown away and convicted by his honesty, humility and willingness to share his story. Much is outdated now (NB publ. date), but the nature of sin isn't.
Meyer, Erin	<b>The Culture Map: Decoding How People Think, Lead, and Get Things Done Across Cultures</b>	PublicAffairs 2016	Essentially a business manual for multi-cultural teams. So useful since I'm a member of a leadership team of 8 from 6 cultures, while leading another of 7 from 7 cultures! But it opens eyes to all kinds of cultural dynamics that we never even consider.
Olusoga, David	<b>Black and British: A Forgotten History</b> ✓	Pan 2017	If you weren't aware of the long history of those of African descent in Britain, then you need this. A brilliant writer and communicator. Just noticed that a shorter version for teenagers has come out this year.
Sowell, Thomas	<b>Race and Culture</b>	Basic 1995	An old book now, but blew me away. Sowell is an African American economist and the political right; but he's a unique and challenging thinker. He asks very non-PC questions even for the 90s.

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