

COMMUNITY READ: CASTE

November 2021 - March 2022



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Caste

The Origins
of Our
Discontents

Oprah's
Book Club
2020

Isabel Wilkerson

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize
Author of THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND THE BOOK

Caste: The Origins of our Discontents, was published in August 2020 to critical acclaim and became a Number 1 New York Times bestseller. Dwight Garner of *The New York Times* called it, "An instant American classic and almost certainly the keynote nonfiction book of the American century thus far." Oprah Winfrey chose it as her 2020 Summer/Fall book club selection, declaring it "the most important book" she had ever selected.

Wilkerson won the Pulitzer Prize for her deeply humane narrative writing while serving as Chicago Bureau Chief of *The New York Times* in 1994, making her the first black woman in the history of American journalism to win a Pulitzer Prize and the first African American to win for individual reporting. In 2016, President Barack Obama awarded Wilkerson the National Humanities Medal for "championing the stories of an unsung history." **Penguin Random House**

NOVEMBER to MARCH

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- Commit to reading the book by [signing up: you can request a free copy](#) if you'd like
 - Invite your student(s), family into the community read by checking out this list of [companion books](#) for all ages
- Consider [signing up](#) to facilitate a book club
 - Copies of the book can also be borrowed from the [Wellesley Free Library](#) or [Boston Public Library](#)
 - Copies of the book can be purchased at the following vendors:
 - [Frugal Bookstore](#) - 57 Warren St. Roxbury, MA 02119
 - [Wellesley Books](#) - 82 Central St. Wellesley, MA 02482

ALL LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Community Read events will open up on [Sched](#) (Sched is an event scheduler platform; links will be provided to all participants who commit to reading the book by signing up).

On Sched you will be able to sign up to attend events that connect to the themes of the book. *For example: Caste addresses the impact of racism; we are aiming to hold a workshop about healing from racial trauma.*

MARCH 10, 2022, 6:15-7:30 PM

MS. WILKERSON WILL SPEAK TO THE WELLESLEY COMMUNITY IN A VIRTUAL WEBINAR

Participation is limited to the first 500 registered participants; registration will open late January.

The webinar will be facilitated by [Dr. Regine Michelle Jean-Charles](#), Director of Northeastern University's Department of Africana Studies, and Dean's Professor of Culture and Social Justice, and Professor of Africana Studies and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.