READING LIST

Selected books for learning about the work of justice in the world.

Many abolitionists have grown in their commitment to fight slavery and in their knowledge of justice issues through studying books like those listed below.

This in no way serves as an all-encompassing reading list or a list IJM formally endorses. Instead, we hope this list will be a helpful starting point for you in your study of human rights. You could use this list for a book club, leadership team study, or just reading on your own.
IJM President Gary Haugen has authored four books that explore God’s call to justice and IJM’s work in the world.

- The Locust Effect
- Good News About Injustice
- Just Courage
- Terrify No More

ADDITIONAL BOOKS WRITTEN BY IJM STAFF

- Deepening the Soul for Justice
  Bethany H. Hoang

- Good God, Lousy World, and Me: The Improbable Journey of a Human Rights Activist from Unbelief to Faith
  Holly Burkhalter

- The Just Church
  Jim Martin

- Wasted Prayer: Know When God Wants You to Stop Praying and Start Doing
  Greg Darley
BIOGRAPHY

• Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery
  Eric Metaxas

• Black Boy
  Richard Wright

• Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy
  Eric Metaxas

• Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa
  Mark Mathabane

• Mountains Beyond Mountains: Healing the World: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer
  Tracy Kidder

FICTION

• A Fine Balance
  Rohinton Mistry

• Cry, the Beloved Country
  Alan Paton

• True Story: A Christianity Worth Believing In
  James Choung

• What Is the What: The Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng
  Dave Eggers

HISTORY
• A Civil Action
  Jonathan Harr

• Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age
  Kevin Boyle

• Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee
  Dee Brown

• Bury the Chains: Prophets & Rebels in the Fight to Free an Empire's Slaves
  Adam Hochschild

• Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States
  Helen Prejean

• Emma’s War
  Deborah Scroggins

• Killing Fields, Living Fields
  Don Cormack

• King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa
  Adam Hochschild

• Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea
  Barbara Demick

• The Race Beat: The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation
  Roberts & Kibanoff
• A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier
  Ishmael Beah

• Banker to the Poor: Micro-Lending and the Battle Against World Poverty
  Muhammad Yunus

• Finding Calcutta: What Mother Teresa Taught Me About Meaningful Work and Service
  Mary Poplin

• First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers
  Loung Ung

• Girl Soldier: A Story of Hope for Northern Uganda’s Children
  Grace Akallo and Faith McDonnell

• Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale
  Rachel Lloyd

• Let Justice Roll Down
  John Perkins

• Life and Death in Shanghai
  Nien Cheng

• Mukiwa: A White Boy in Africa
  Peter Godwin

• Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of
Humanity in Rwanda
Romeo Dallaire

The Good Women of China: Hidden Voices
Xinran Xue

When a Crocodile Eats the Sun: A Memoir of Africa
Peter Godwin

NON-FICTION

A Continent for the Taking: The Tragedy and Hope of Africa
Howard French

A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide
Samantha Power

Actual Innocence
Barry Scheck, Peter Neufeld, and Jim Dwyre

Development as Freedom
Amartya Sen

Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy
Kevin Bales

Guide to International Human Rights Practice
Hurst Hannum

Half the Sky
Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

- Maximum City: Bombay Lost and Found
  Suketu Mehta
- NO MATTER HOW LOUD I SHOUT : A Year in the Life of Juvenile Court
  Edward Humes
- Not for Sale
  David Batstone
- Prostitution, Trafficking and Traumatic Stress
  Melissa Farley
- Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery
  Siddharth Kara
- The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.
  Martin Luther King Jr. and Clayborne Carson
- The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time
  Jeffrey Sachs
- The Evolution of International Human Rights
  Paul Gordon Lauren
- The Human Rights Reader: Major Political Essays, Speeches and Documents from Ancient Times to the Present
Micheline Ishay

- The Trafficking in Persons Report, U.S. Department of State (published annually)

Aidan Hartley

- The Zanzibar Chest
- Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace…One School at a Time
  Mortenson & Relin

Judith Herman

- Trauma and Recovery: The Aftermath of Violence—from Domestic Abuse to Political Terror
- We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will be Killed With Our Families: Stories from Rwanda
  Philip Gourevitch

Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert

- When Helping Hurts: Alleviating Poverty Without Hurting the Poor…and Yourself
- Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China
  Jung Chang
• A Theology As Big As the City
  Raymond Bakke

• Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals
  Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, and Enuma Okoro

• Decisive Issues Facing Christians Today
  John Stott

• Ethics
  Dietrich Bonhoeffer

• Follow me to Freedom: Leading and Following as an Ordinary Radical
  John Perkins and Shane Claiborne

• Following Jesus Through the Eye of the Needle: Living Fully, Loving Dangerously
  Kent Annan

• Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just
  Timothy Keller

• God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics
  C. S. Lewis

• I Am Not a Social Activist: Making Jesus the Agenda
  Ronald Sider
• Rich Christians In An Age Of Hunger: Moving from Affluence to Generosity
  Ronald Sider

• The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor: Seeing Others Through the Eyes of Jesus
  Mark Labberton

• The Dangerous Act of Worship: Living God’s Call to Justice
  Mark Labberton

• The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us?
  Richard Stearns

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• The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical
  Shane Claiborne

• The Measure of a Man
  Martin Luther King Jr.