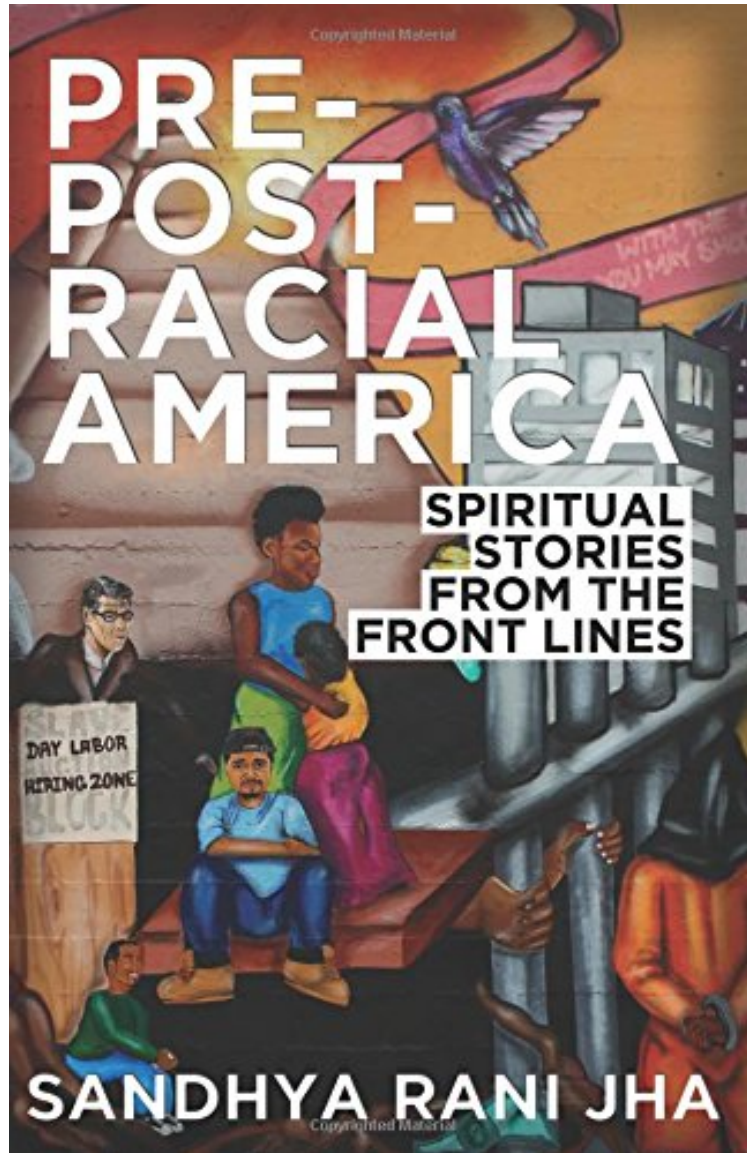


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Sandhya Rani Jha : Pre-Post-Racial America: Spiritual Stories from the Front Lines before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pre-Post-Racial America: Spiritual Stories from the Front Lines:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Geared toward group discussion, very conversational monologue.

Just SO good. By Mara's Mama I've recommended this book to everyone I can talk to. We're starting a Be the Bridge group in my area, and this has been a really helpful tool for me and conversation starter. It's geared toward group discussions. (I'm a white female in the suburbs. More people need to read this book. Would it be weird to buy as Christmas presents for family? Too far?) HIGHLY recommend. This book also led me to *The New Jim Crow*, which I also highly recommend. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. because it recognizes the difficulty of "negotiating privilege" and the absolute necessity for us nice people who assume we are good to negotiate our way out of our failure to recognize and confront that we are a big part of the problem. This book frankly and compassionately leads the way for some deep personal (or group) examination and confrontation for those of who say: I'm not racist. I'm not homophobic. As Jha says: "Privilege looks a lot like thinking your intentions matter more than your impact." Frankly, a lot of us white folks "just don't get it." This book will help you get it. I dare you to get out of your comfort zone, a zone we too often want to protect above all else. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. every school and every place where a community of faith gathers--it is thought-provoking and excellent for book clubs and discussions groups--recommend it highly!

Those people. Their issues. The day's news and the ways we treat each other, overtly or subliminally, prove we are not yet living in post-racial America. It's hard to talk about race in America without everyone very quickly becoming defensive and shutting down. What makes talking race even harder is that so few of us actually know each other in the fullness of our stories. A recent Reuters poll found 40% of White people have no friends of other races, and 25% of people of color only have friends of the same race. Sandhya Jha addresses the hot topic in a way that is grounded in real people's stories and that offers solid biblical grounding for thinking about race relations in America, reminding us that God calls us to build Beloved Community. Discussion questions at the end of each chapter provide starting points for reading groups.

This book uses the powerful tool of storytelling to speak prophetic truth in the most disarming way. It is an excellent resource for pastors, leaders and lay people who want to help their communities journey across the complex terrain of race. Sandhya Rani Jha is a wise thinker who understands that race is best comprehended by those who are brave enough to listen to multiple perspectives. And she invites readers to lend an ear to a diverse collection of wonderfully rich and pointed stories that illuminate the various complex issues from immigration to black stereotypes to privilege that impact individuals and racial groups in our far-from-post-racial society. This book will make you want to pray, cry, laugh, reevaluate and act all in the service of true racial healing. --Cristena Cleveland, author, *Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart* Weaving together a complex personal narrative, insightful stories of others, and pointed observations about faith and race in the United States, Jha bridges theory, practice, story, and faith with an economy of words and an abundance of grace. Great for the classroom, book group, or personal study, *Pre-Post-Racial America* is a welcomed addition to the ongoing conversations about race. --Bruce Reyes-Chow, author, *But I Don't See You as Asian* In *Pre-Post-Racial America*, Sandhya Rani Jha takes us on a tour of the rocky landscape of race and faith in this country. As a seasoned anti-racism teacher, community activist, and faith leader, Jha brings sensitivity and levity to these difficult but deadly important conversations. As protests grow against racist policing and a new generation declares, 'Black Lives Matter,' it is vital that people of faith rise to the challenge of ending racism. Jha has given us a tremendous resource to spark much needed conversations about race and religion, and much needed reflection on how each of us can live the values of our faith and be part of courageous change for a better world. --Criss Crass, activist and author of *Towards Collective Liberation* About the Author Sandhya Rani Jha serves as Director at the Oakland Peace Center, a collective of innovative non-profits working to create justice and peace in the city of Oakland and the Bay Area. The OPC is also a physical space, and the legacy project of First Christian Church of Oakland, where Sandhya pastored for seven years. Ordained at National City Christian Church in Washington, DC, Sandhya's passion is liberation ethics as an academic field and as a lived experience in urban communities. She published *Room at the Table: Struggle for Unity and Equality in Disciples History*, a book about people of color in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and co-wrote (with Ben Bohren and Paula Bishop Pochieca) *And Still We Rise*, a congregational study of transformation. Sandhya is an anti-racism/anti-oppression trainer with the Disciples of Christ, a public speaker and preacher, and a consultant for Hope Partnership's New Beginnings program. Sandhya also serves as Director of Interfaith Programs at East Bay Housing Organizations, a membership organization that works to preserve, protect and expand affordable housing opportunities through education, advocacy and coalition-building in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The daughter of a mother from Scotland and a father from India, Sandhya has been shaped by both cultures and their values. She received Master of Divinity and Master of Public Policy from the

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