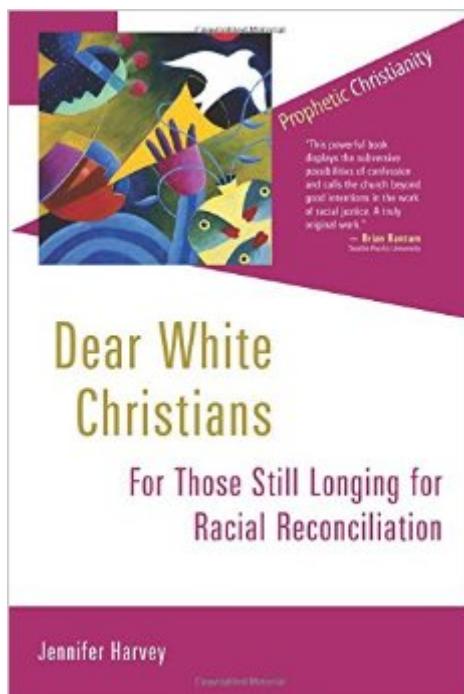


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# Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing For Racial Reconciliation (Prophetic Christianity Series (PC))



## **Synopsis**

In this provocative book Jennifer Harvey argues for a radical shift in how justice-committed white Christians think about race. She calls for moving away from the reconciliation paradigm that currently dominates interracial relations and embracing instead a reparations paradigm. Harvey presents an insightful historical analysis of the painful fissures that emerged among activist Christians toward the end of the Civil Rights movement, and she shows the necessity of bringing "white" racial identity into clear view in order to counter today's oppressive social structures. A deeply constructive, hopeful work, Dear White Christians will help readers envision new racial possibilities, including concrete examples of contemporary reparations initiatives. This book is for any who care about the gospel call to justice but feel stuck trying to get there, given the ongoing prevalence of deep racial divisions in the church and society at large. Watch a 2015 interview with the author:

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ADDITIONAL COMMENT: After spending many difficult weeks studying this book in a church group, I can say it works for some people. I am also given to understand that it is often assigned in first year theology classes about race. So other people think the book has value. Nevertheless, it has serious flaws as an academic work. Most importantly, she holds out the Black Manifesto as the correct paradigm of race relations without ever discussing its contents in detail or its history. In a

serious academic work about race in America, this would qualify as a bad flub. In a popular book, this casual approach is more acceptable, but the book is largely written in a dense academic style full of jargon that, frankly, the author does not have full control of. This makes the book, if it is intended as a popular book both, difficult to read and pretentious. Again though, whatever it takes. Different books for different folks.

**PREVIOUS COMMENT:** How do you review a book whose general goals you are trying to live but which you think is seriously flawed? Do you give it 3 stars or even 4 for its goals and sincerity or 1 star for how well it achieved its goals. I settled on 2 stars because I didn't like it, but if you are not familiar with the types of arguments she makes, it may well be a 3 or 4 or even 5 star book for you. It depends a lot on how her writing style strikes you. It is intensely personal, painfully, self-conscious, and always politically correct. It is also tedious to those familiar with the arguments and argumentative.

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