

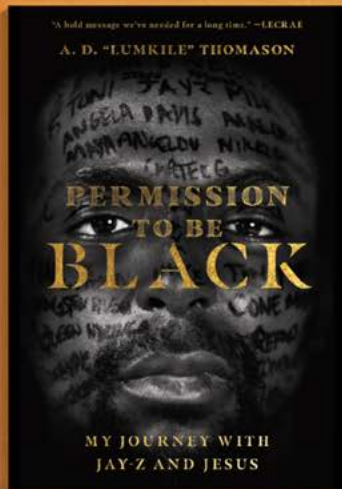
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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



After a year of racial tension and social unrest, Black History Month takes on new meaning as we look back on all that's led to this moment in history and as we look forward in anticipation of renewed understanding and awareness. In addition to our Amplify Voices of Color and Every Voice Now initiatives, we offer these five recent titles that specifically explore and celebrate Black History—the experiences, the people, the contributions, and the hope for reconciliation.

**We hope these resources will spark ideas for articles, excerpts, and interviews that celebrate Black History Month and bring about healing and change.**



## **PERMISSION TO BE BLACK:** My Journey with Jay-Z and Jesus

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"I'll say what many don't have the words, and often the courage, to say. We need the soul-searching power of God's Spirit to flow through his people to value our lives or we won't make it. We, Black men and women, need the *permission to be Black*, permission never granted to us in light of America's history."

**- A. D. "LUMKILE" THOMASON**

author of *Permission to Be Black: My Journey with Jay-Z and Jesus*

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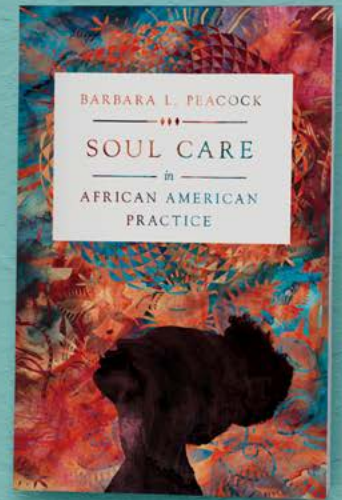
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# SOUL CARE IN AFRICAN AMERICAN PRACTICE

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“God has plans to prosper his people (Jeremiah 29:11), but not always in the ways we anticipate. To much dismay, some have to die for dreams and visions to come to fruition. Such was the case of the King dream. Dr. King’s call to be a leader of the civil rights movement came with a tremendous spiritual, physical, emotional, and financial cost. Even though great strides were made during his lifetime, the struggle for equality continues. The dream remains alive because of the prayers of those who have gone before us and the prayers that continue to sustain us today.”

**-BARBARA PEACOCK**

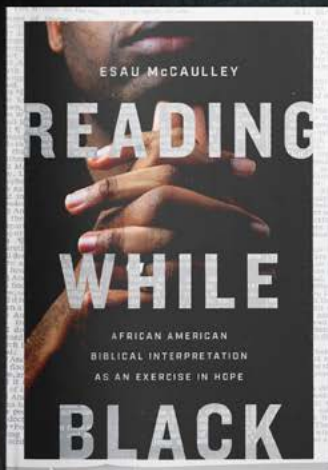
author of *Soul Care in African American Practice*

Soul care director **BARBARA PEACOCK** illustrates a journey of prayer, spiritual direction, and soul care from an African American perspective. She reflects on how these disciplines are woven into the African American culture and lived out in the rich heritage of its faith community. Using examples of ten significant men and women—Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Darrell Griffin, Renita Weems, Harold Carter, Jessica Ingram, Coretta Scott King, James Washington, and Howard Thurman—Barbara offers us the opportunity to engage in practices of soul care as we learn from these spiritual leaders.



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## READING WHILE BLACK: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope

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“I want to contend that the best instincts of the Black church tradition—its public advocacy for justice, its affirmation of the worth of Black bodies and souls, its vision of a multiethnic community of faith—can be embodied by those who stand at the center of this tradition.”

**-ESAU McCAULLEY**

author of *Reading While Black*

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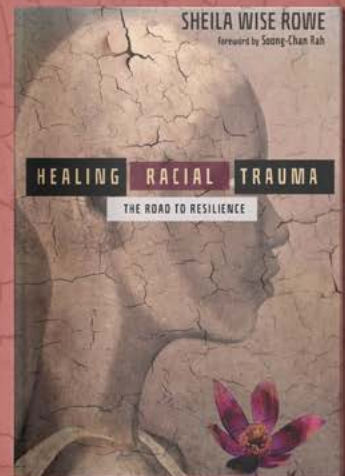
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# HEALING RACIAL TRAUMA: The Road to Resilience

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“People of color have endured traumatic histories and almost daily assaults on our dignity. We have prayed about racism, been in denial, or acted out in anger, but we have not known how to individually or collectively pursue healing from the racial trauma.”

**-SHEILA WISE ROWE**

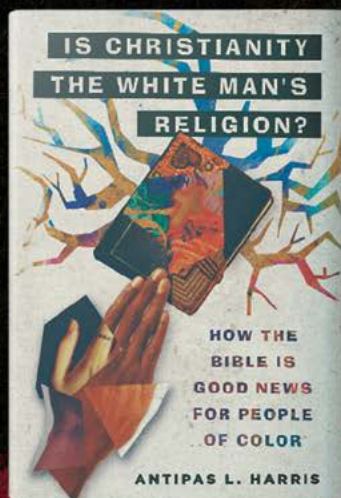
author of *Healing Racial Trauma: The Road to Resilience*

As a child, **SHEILA WISE ROWE** was bused across town to a majority White school, where she experienced the racist lie that one group is superior to all others. Rowe, a professional counselor, exposes the symptoms of racial trauma to lead readers to a place of freedom from the past and new life for the future.



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# IS CHRISTIANITY THE WHITE MAN'S RELIGION?:

How the Bible Is Good News for People of Color

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*"Is Christianity the White Man's Religion?" aims to redeem Christianity from the clutches of whiteness. It revisits the colorful origins of biblical history, traces White superiority in biblical interpretation, and re-visions the rich diversity of skin, thought, worldview, and community that God always intended."*

**-ANTIPAS L. HARRIS**

author of *Is Christianity the White Man's Religion?*

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